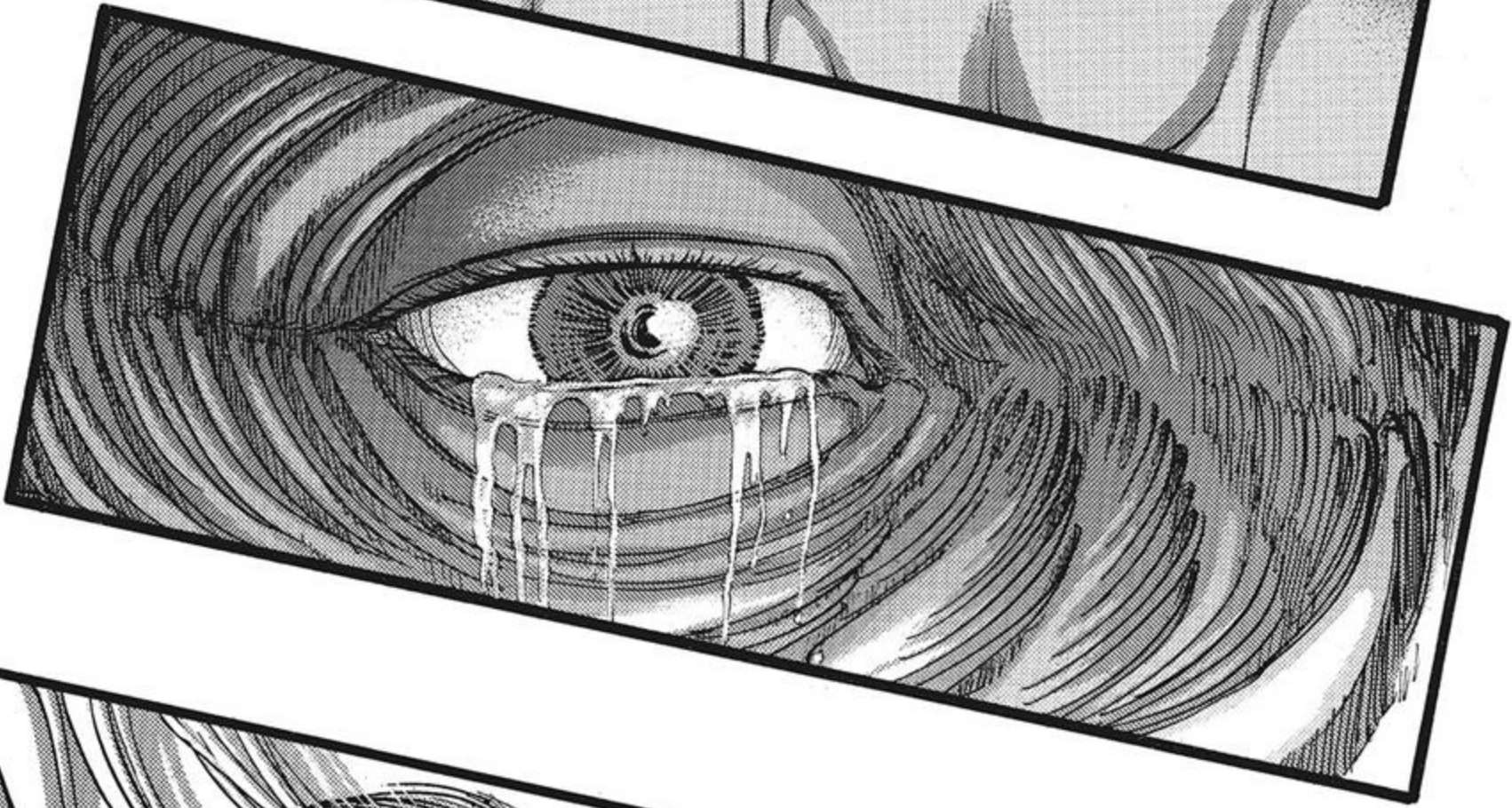
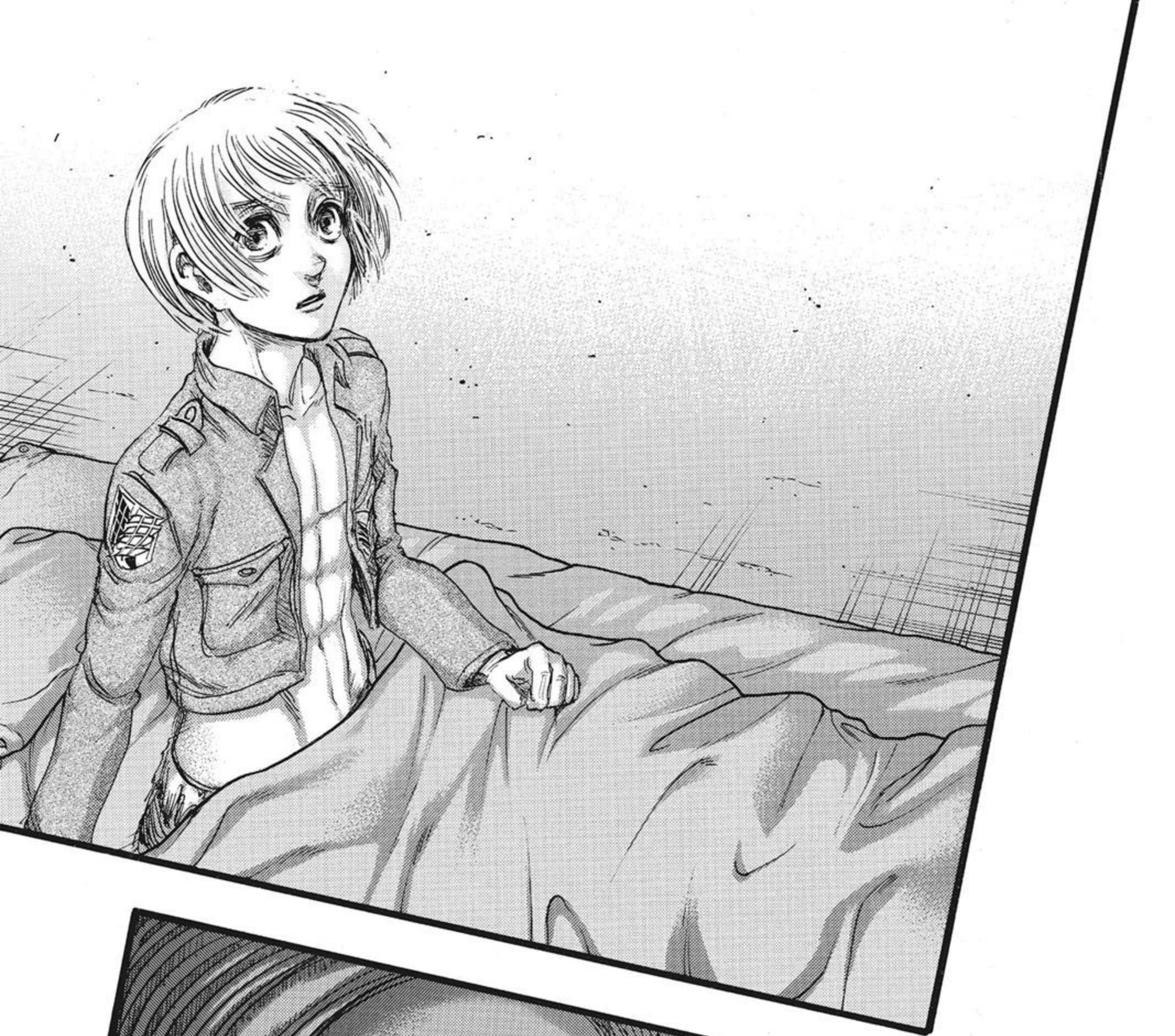
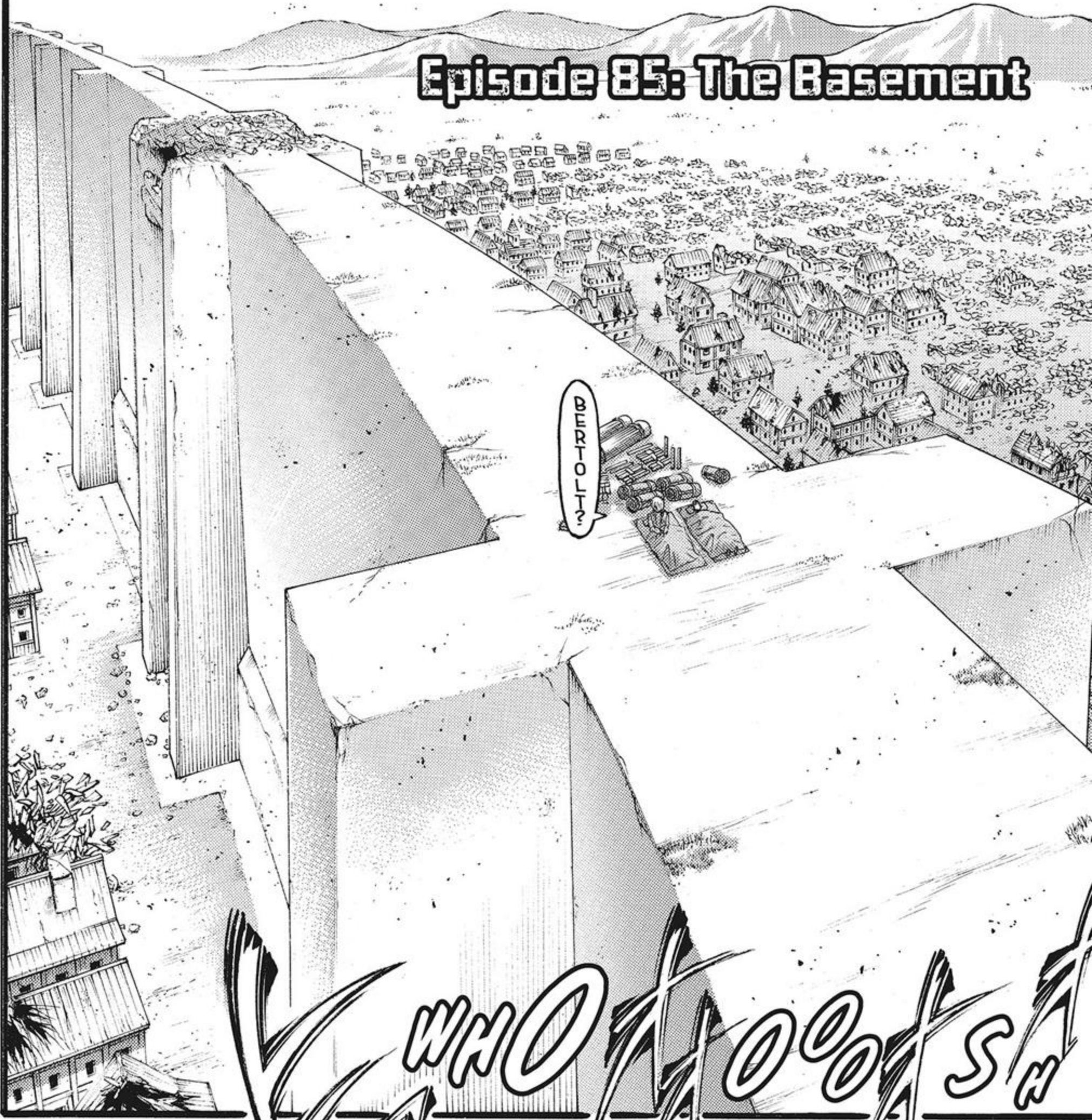


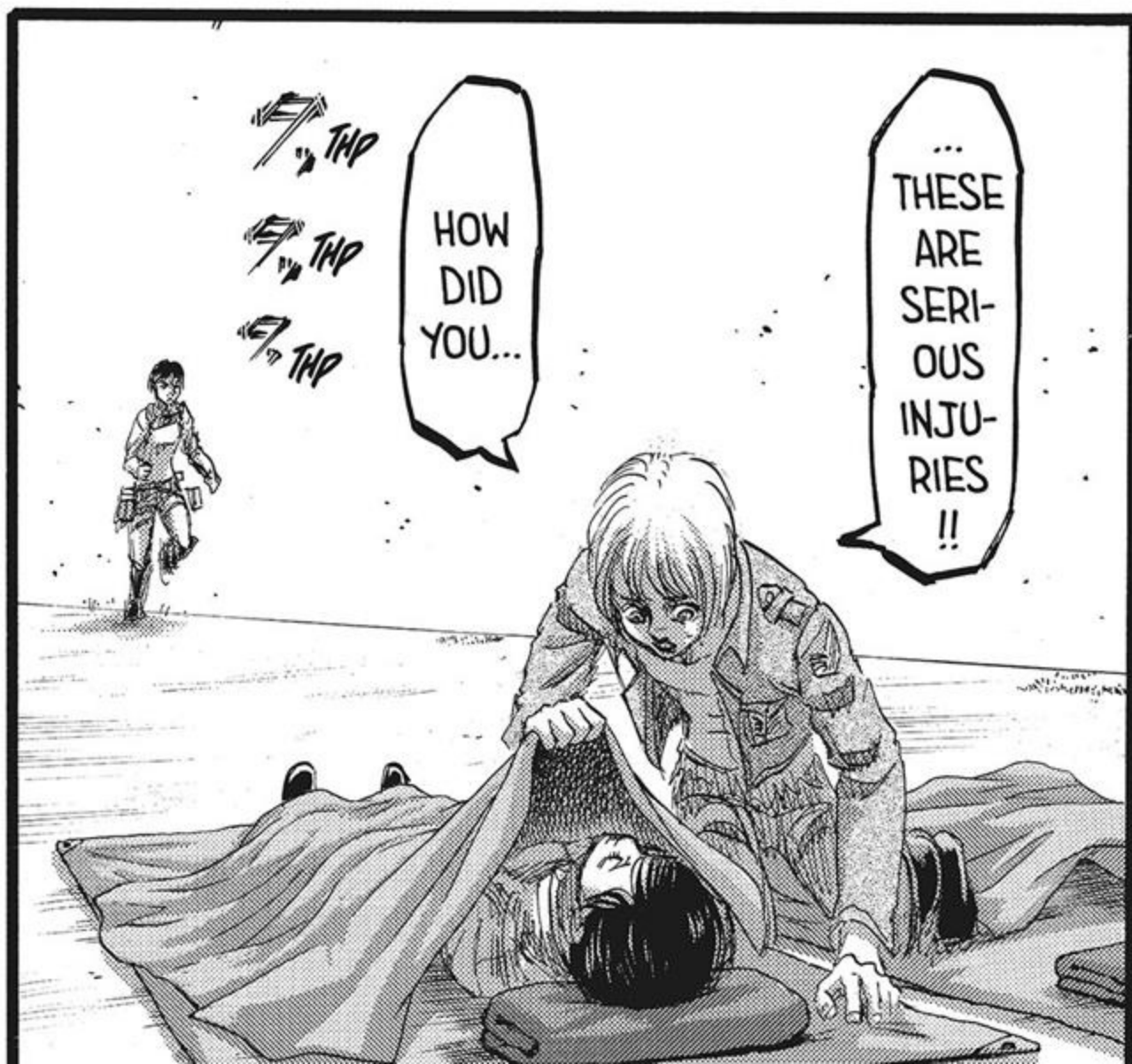
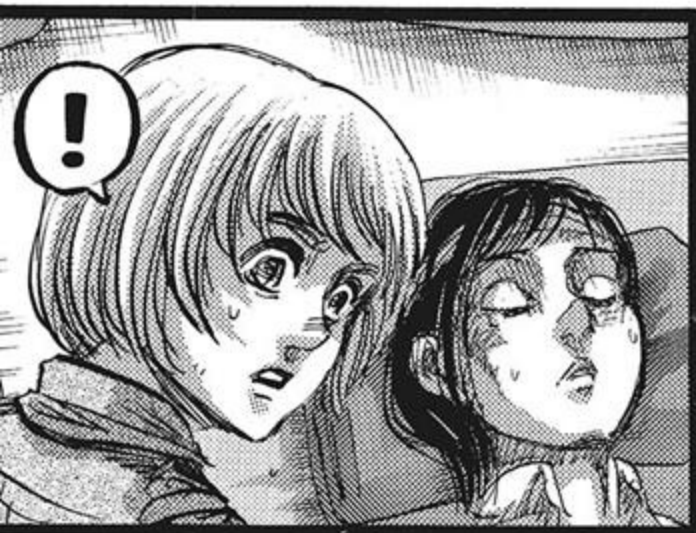


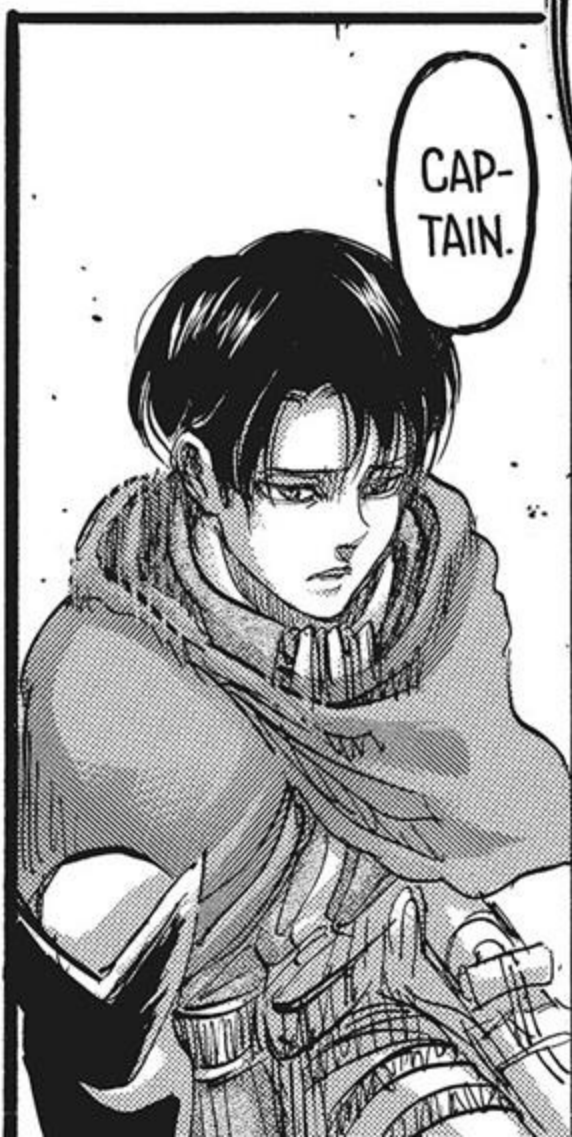
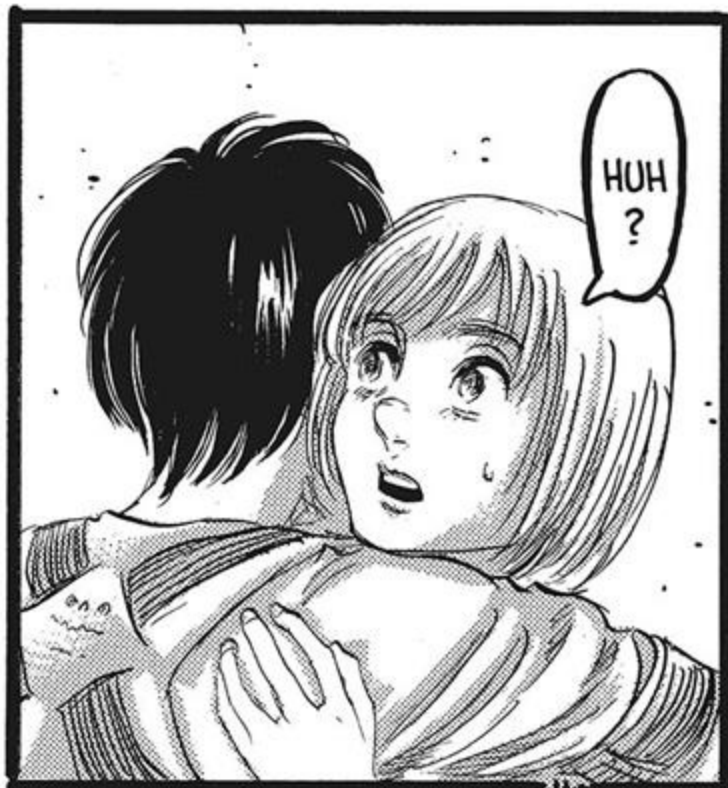
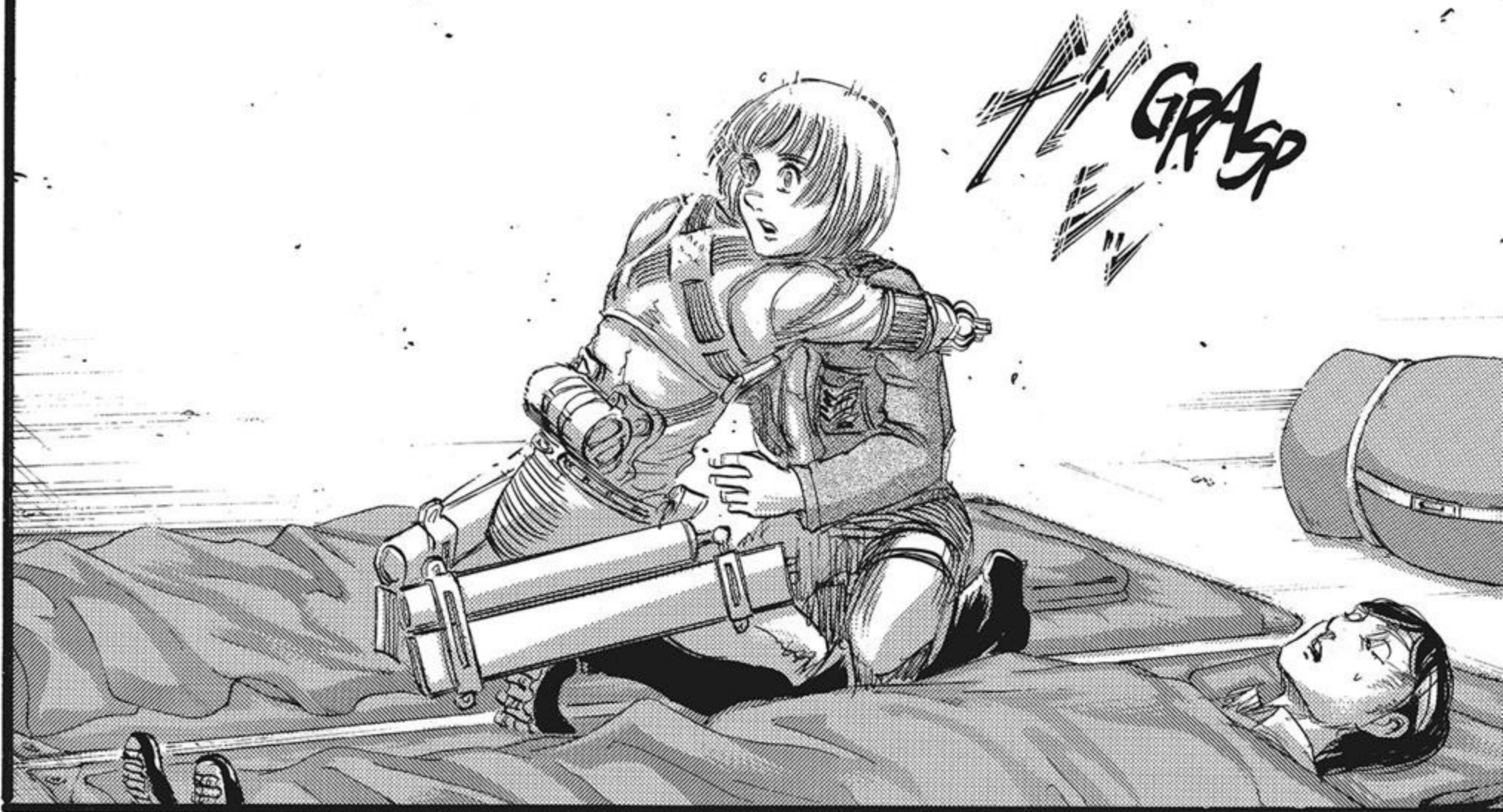


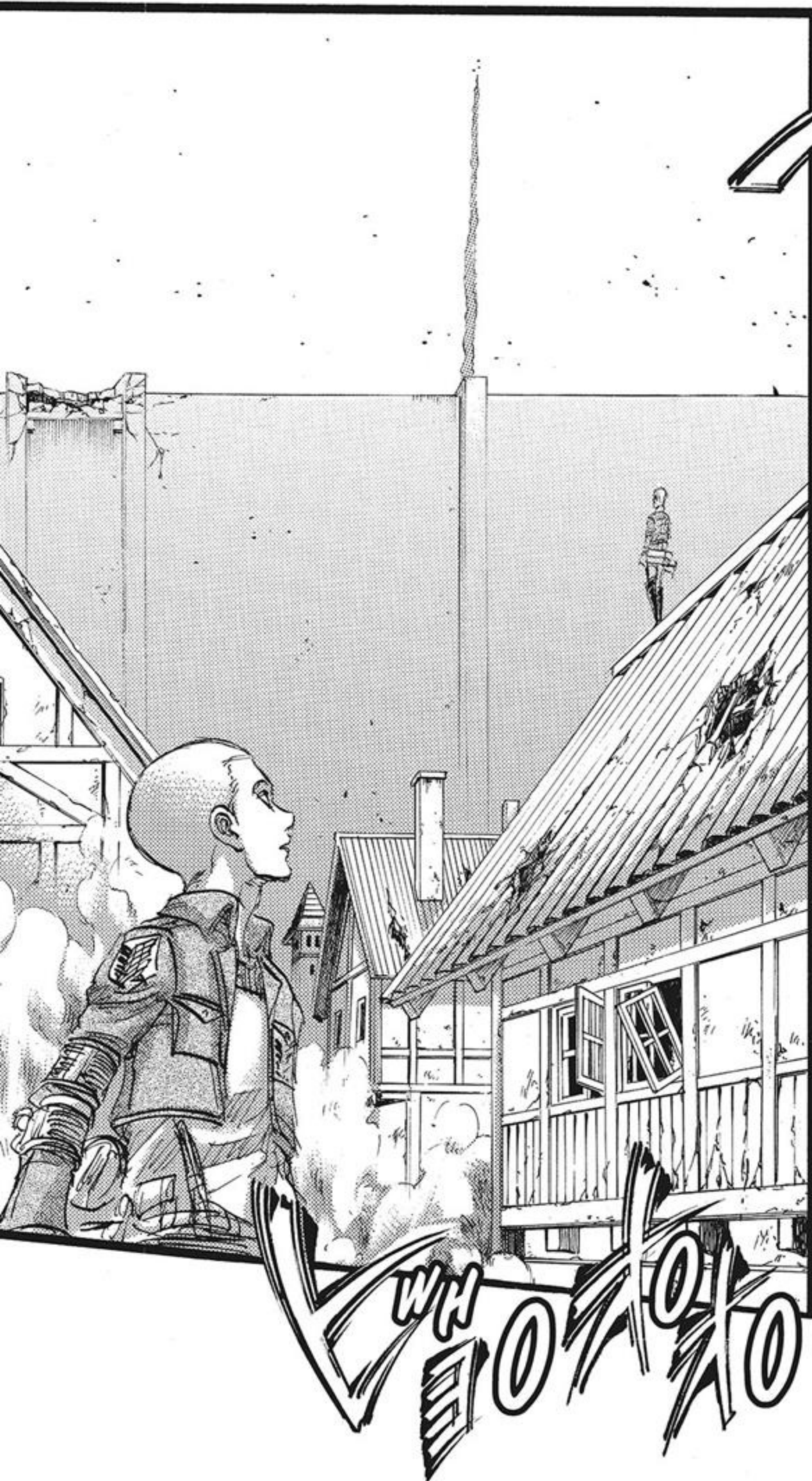


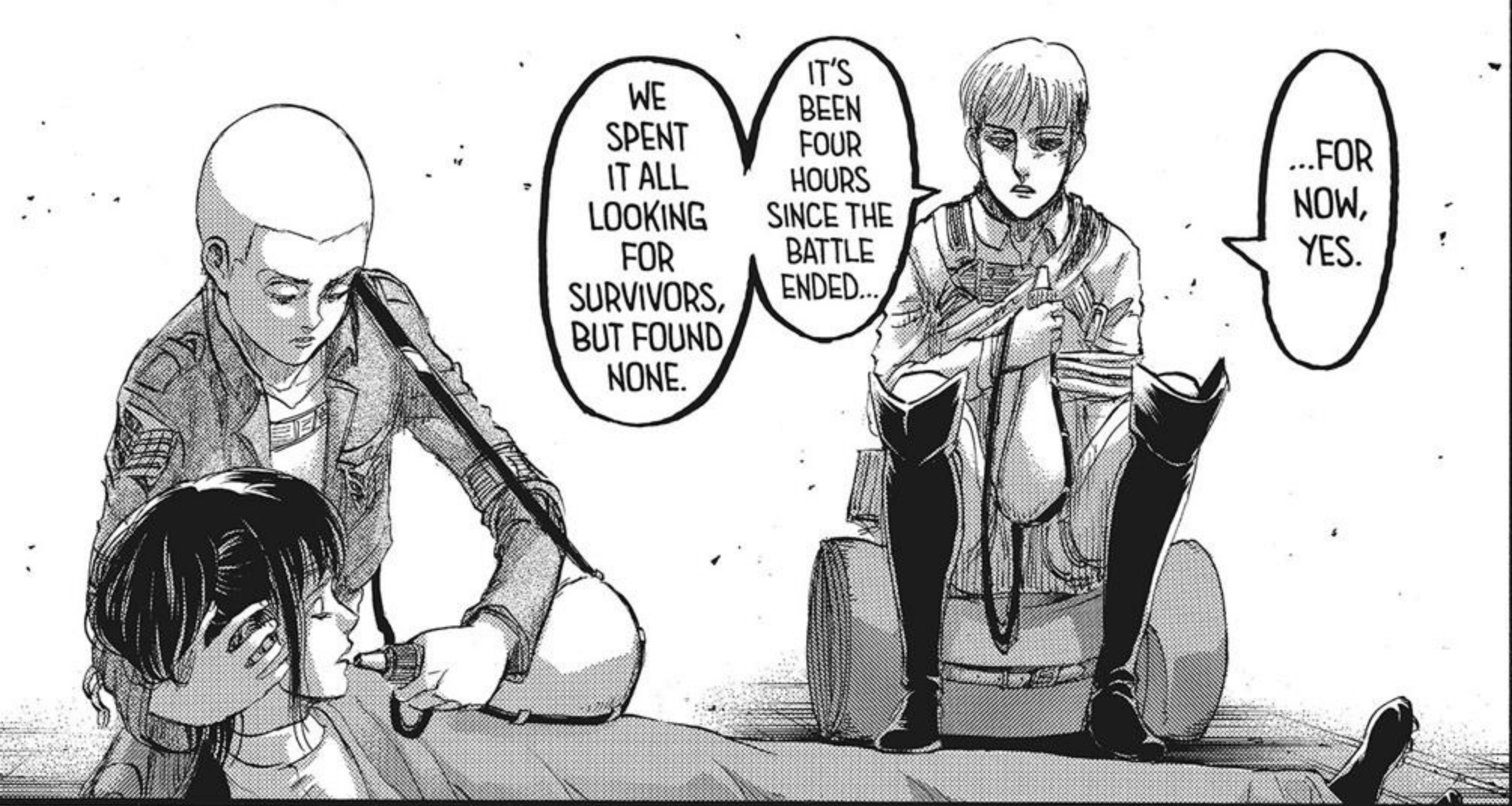
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WE
SPENT
IT ALL
LOOKING
FOR
SURVIVORS,
BUT FOUND
NONE.

IT'S
BEEN
FOUR
HOURS
SINCE THE
BATTLE
ENDED...

...FOR
NOW,
YES.



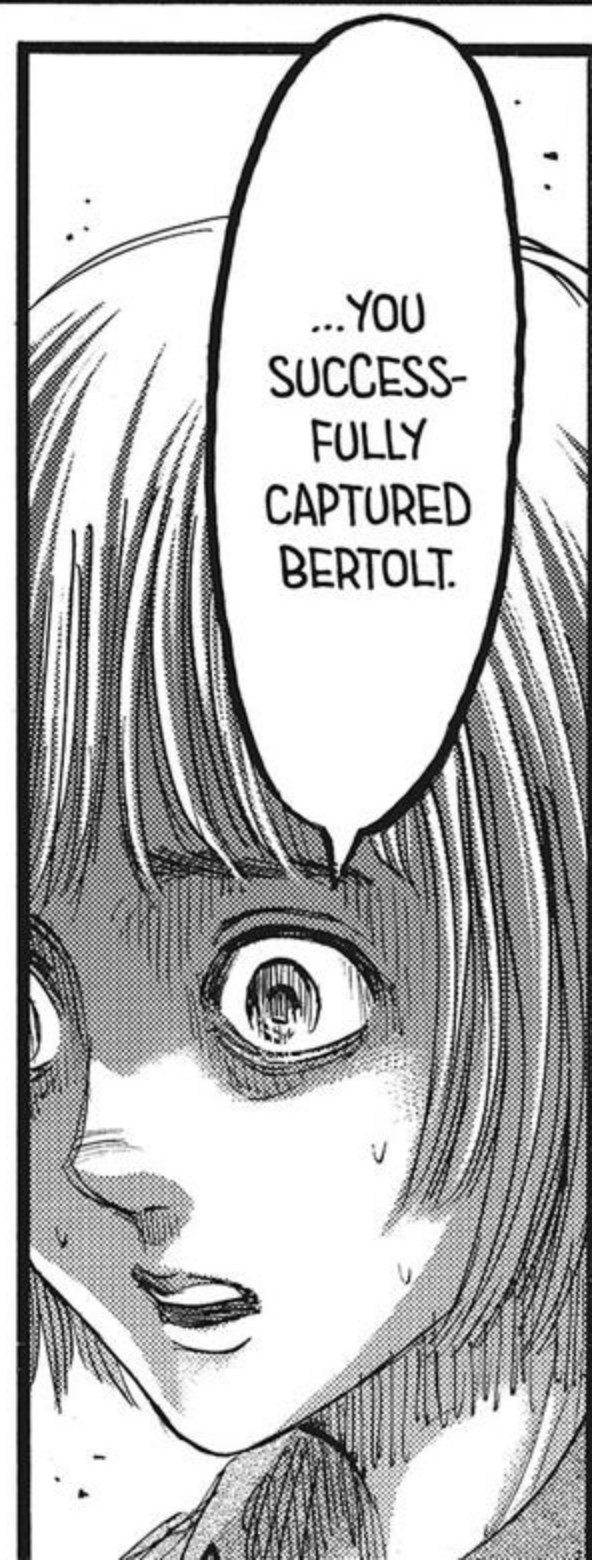
YOU ASSUME
REINER, THE
BEAST TITAN,
AND ONE OTHER
HAVE FLED.

SO, THE
GATE TO
SHIGANSHINA
IS
SEALED.



...AFTER A
DISAGREEMENT
ABOUT...
WHO SHOULD
RECEIVE THE
INJECTION...

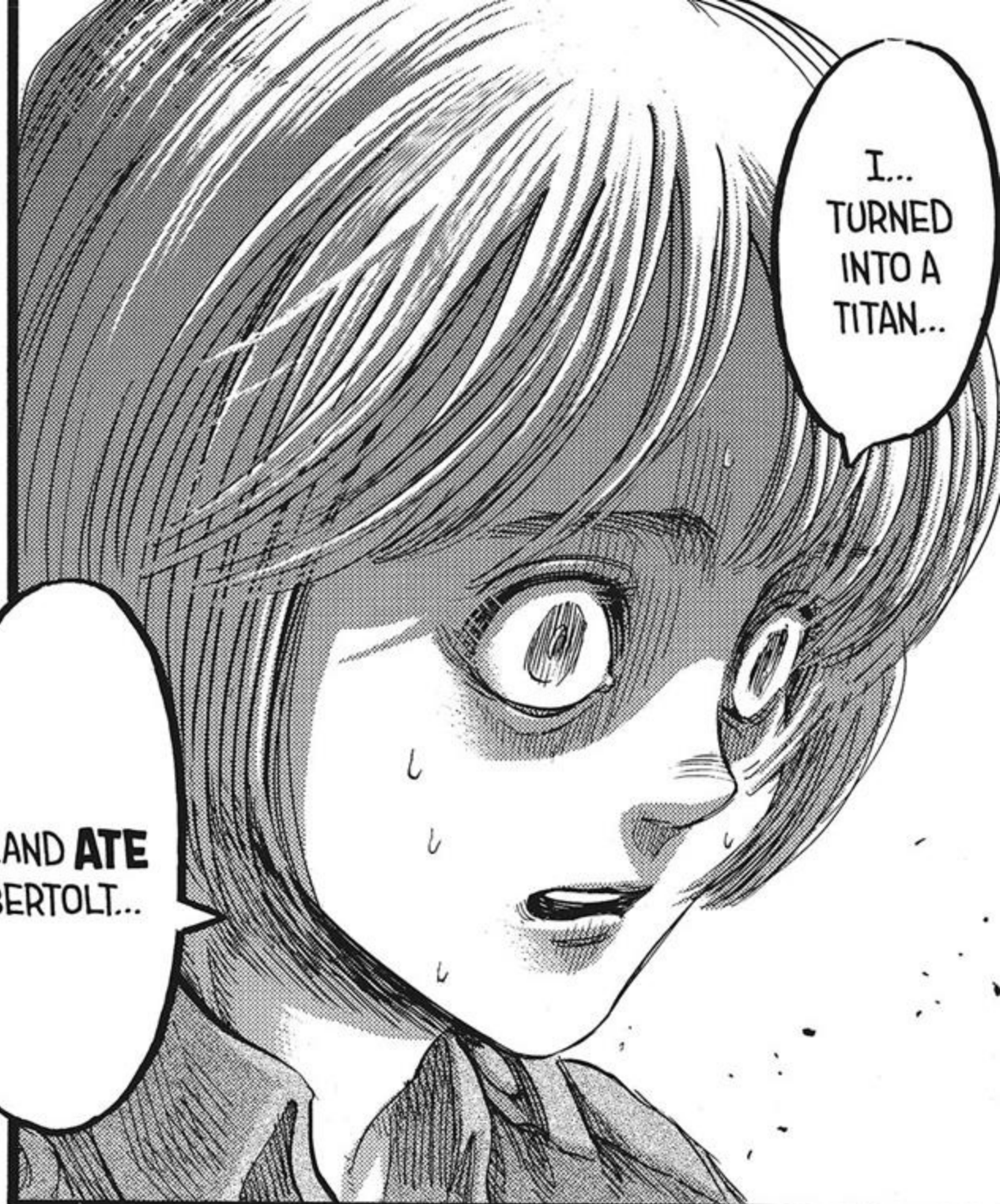
WHEN...
BOTH
COMMANDER
ERWIN AND I
WERE ON
THE BRINK
OF
DEATH...



...YOU
SUCCESS-
FULLY
CAPTURED
BERTOLT.



...AND **ATE**
BERTOLT...



I...
TURNED
INTO A
TITAN...



...DID
YOU
CHOOSE
ME?

WHY...



PHEW

...AND
DECIDE TO
BRING
COMMANDER
ERWIN BACK
TO LIFE?!

WOULDN'T
ANYONE
LOOK AT
THE SITU-
TION...

I SAID
TO TELL
HIM EVERY-
THING.

TCH.

WHY
DID YOU
GIVE THE
INJEC-
TION TO
ME?!

CAP-
TAIN!
!!

THEY
ACTUALLY
WENT AFTER
ME WITH
THEIR
BLADES.

...YOUR
TWO FRIENDS
DIDN'T SEE
THINGS THAT
WAY.

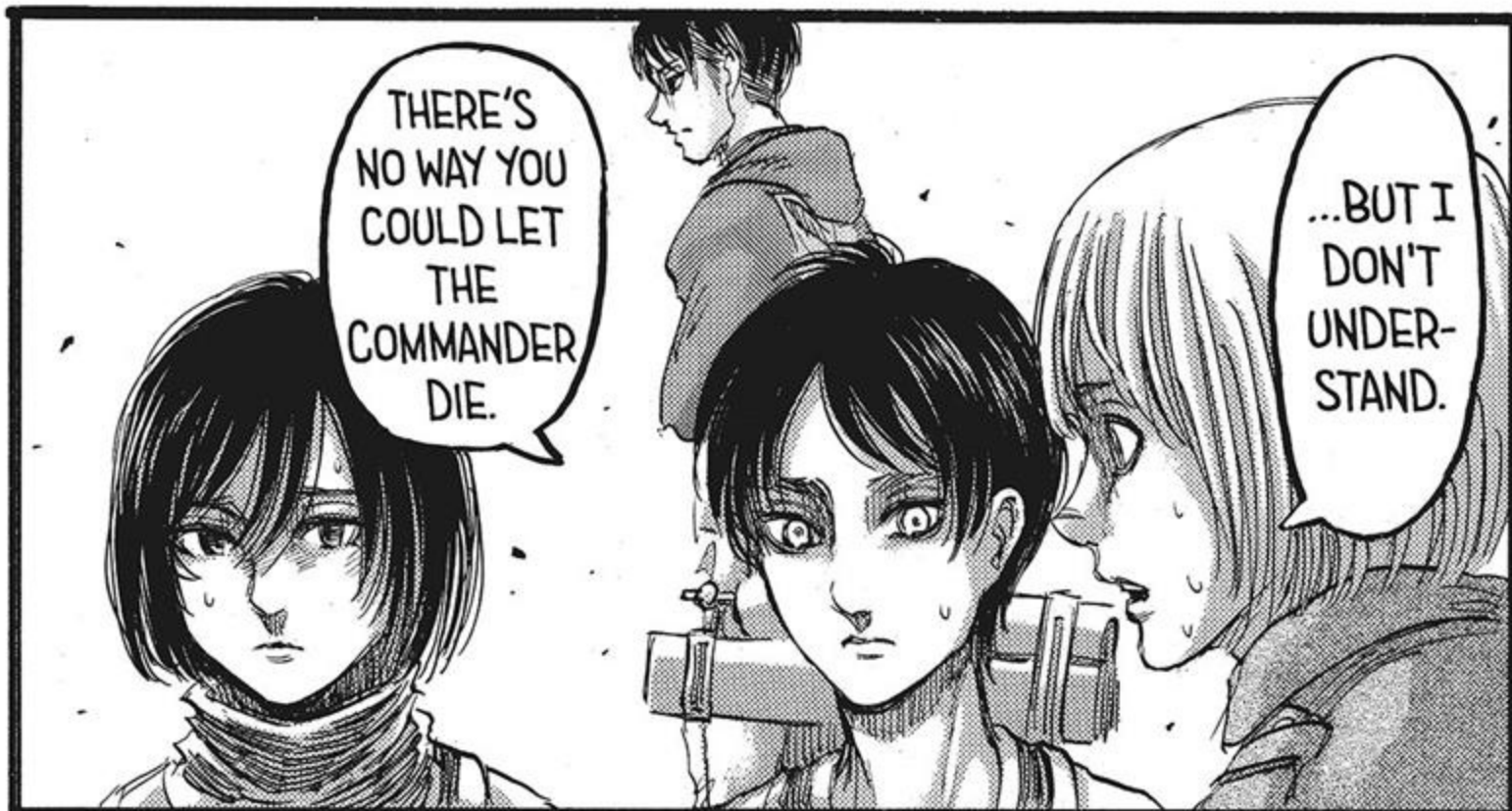
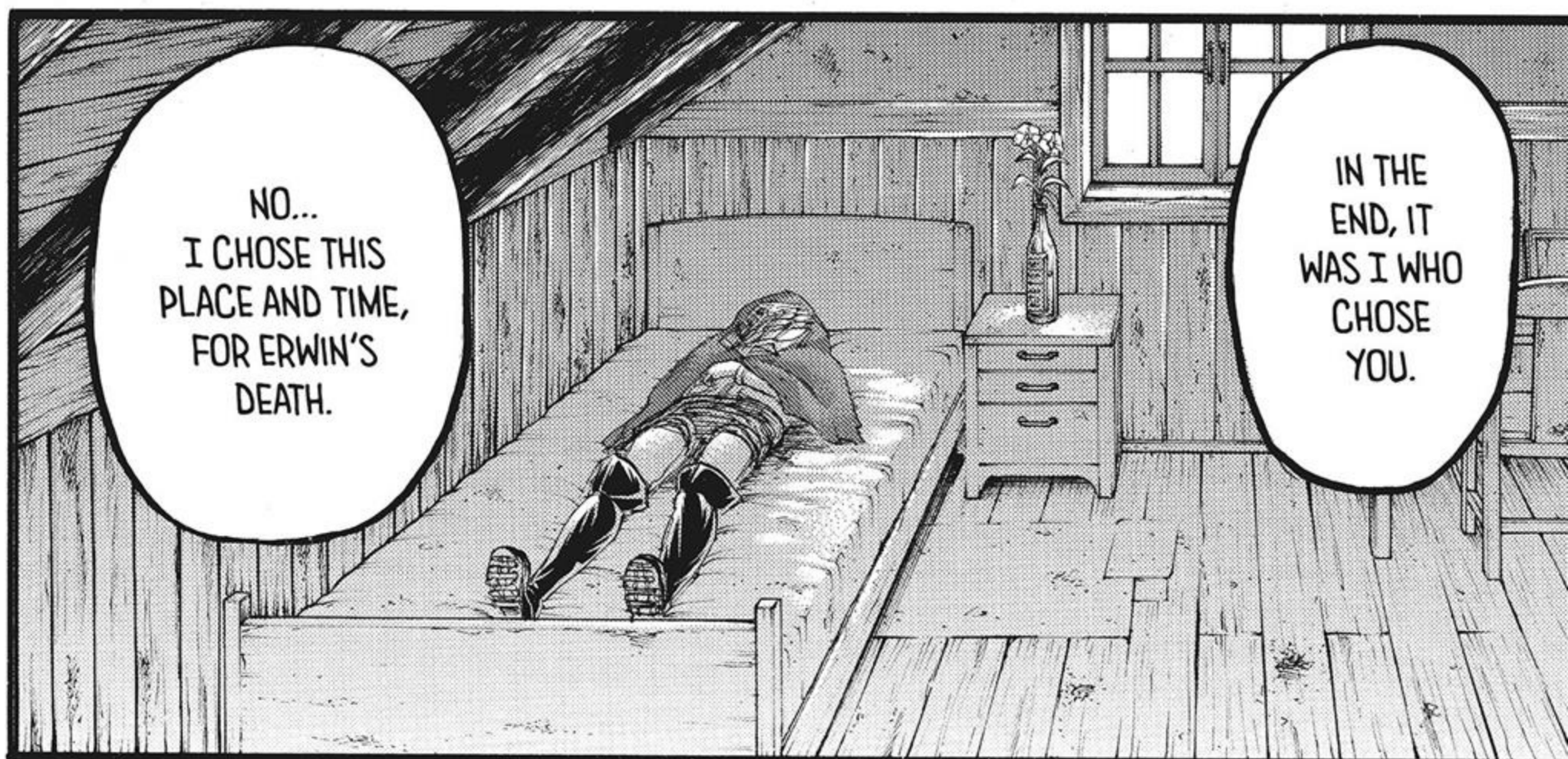
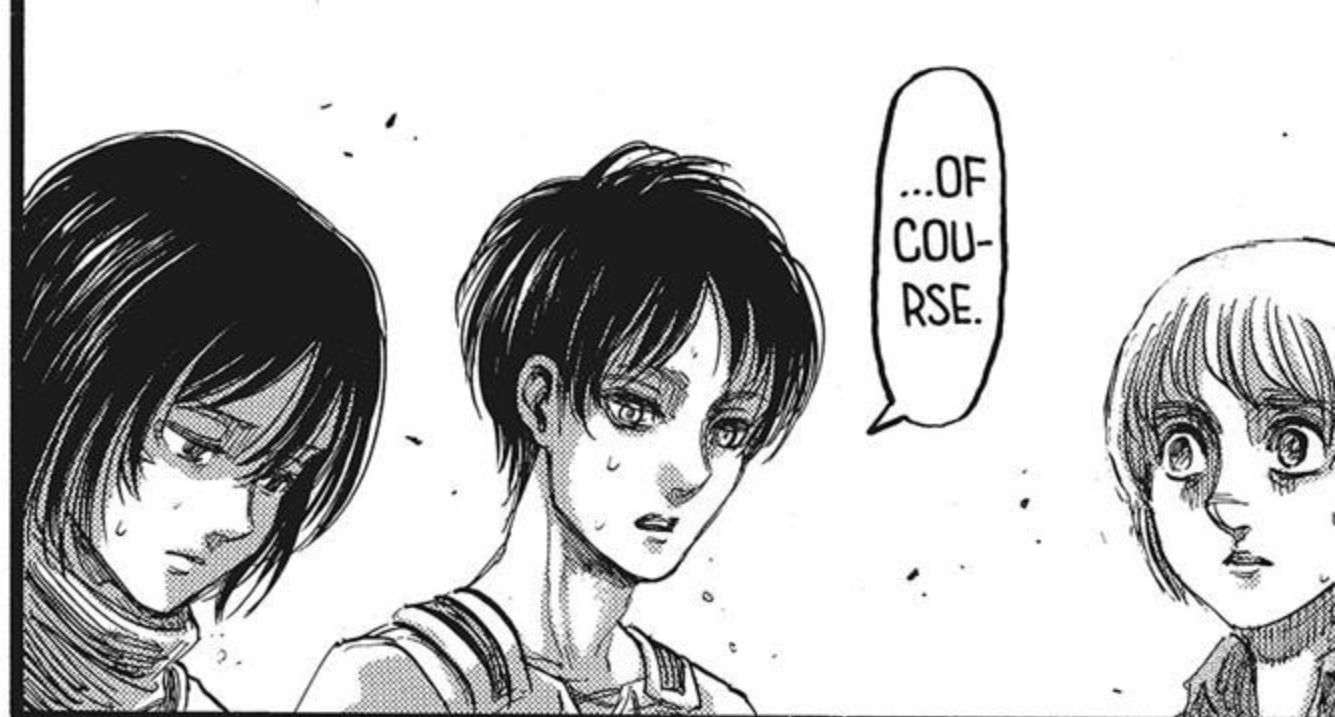
YOU
SHOULD
KNOW
...

BUT
THIS
GOES FAR
BEYOND
MILITARY
DISCI-
PLINE.

YOUR
INSUBOR-
DINATION
WILL OF
COURSE
BE PUN-
ISHED.

WE'LL
ACCEPT
ANY PUNISH-
MENT YOU
GIVE
US.

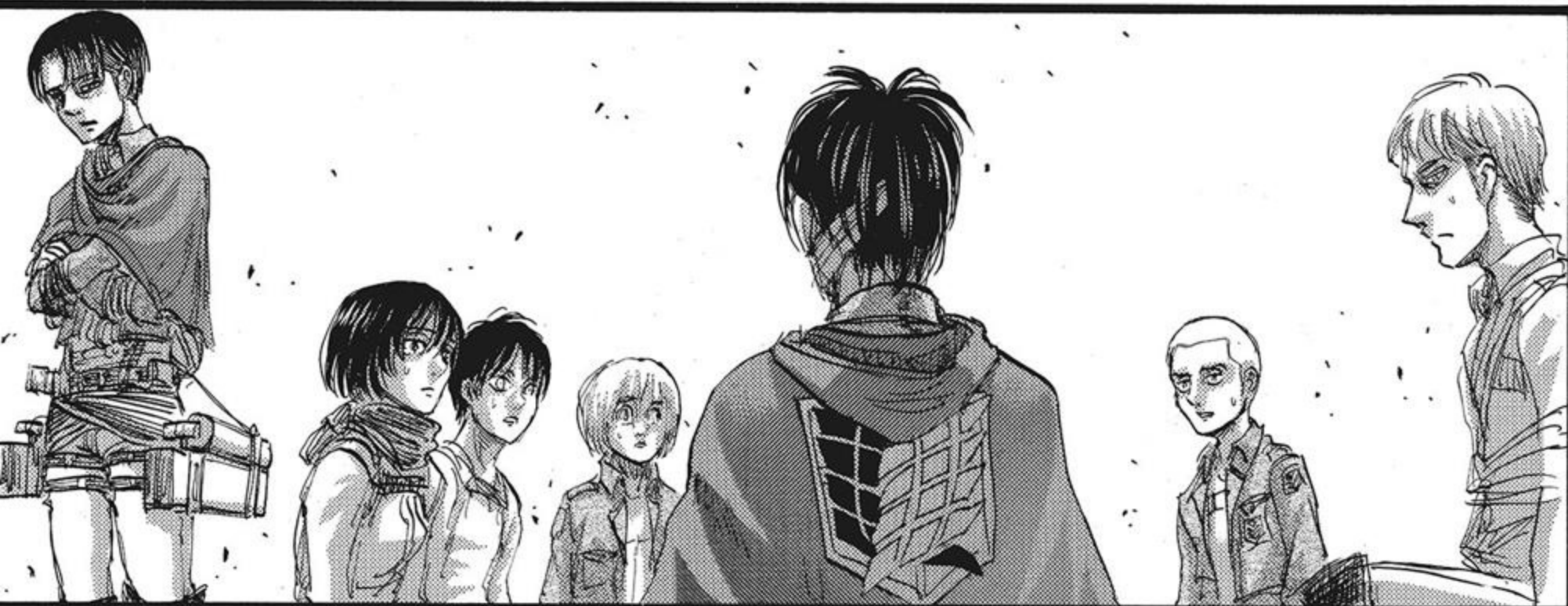
HUH
?





...WE
SHOULD HAVE
GIVEN THE
INJECTION TO
ERWIN.

I
ALSO
THINK
...



THERE'S
NOTHING
MORE TO
SAY.

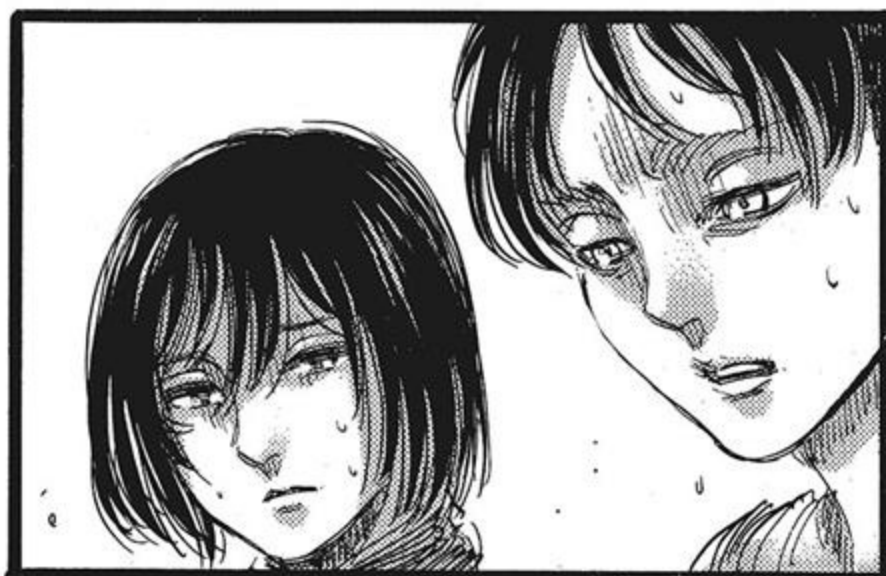
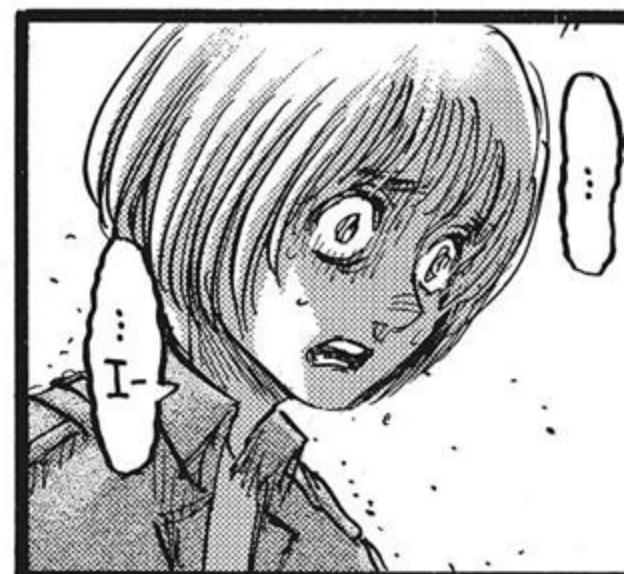
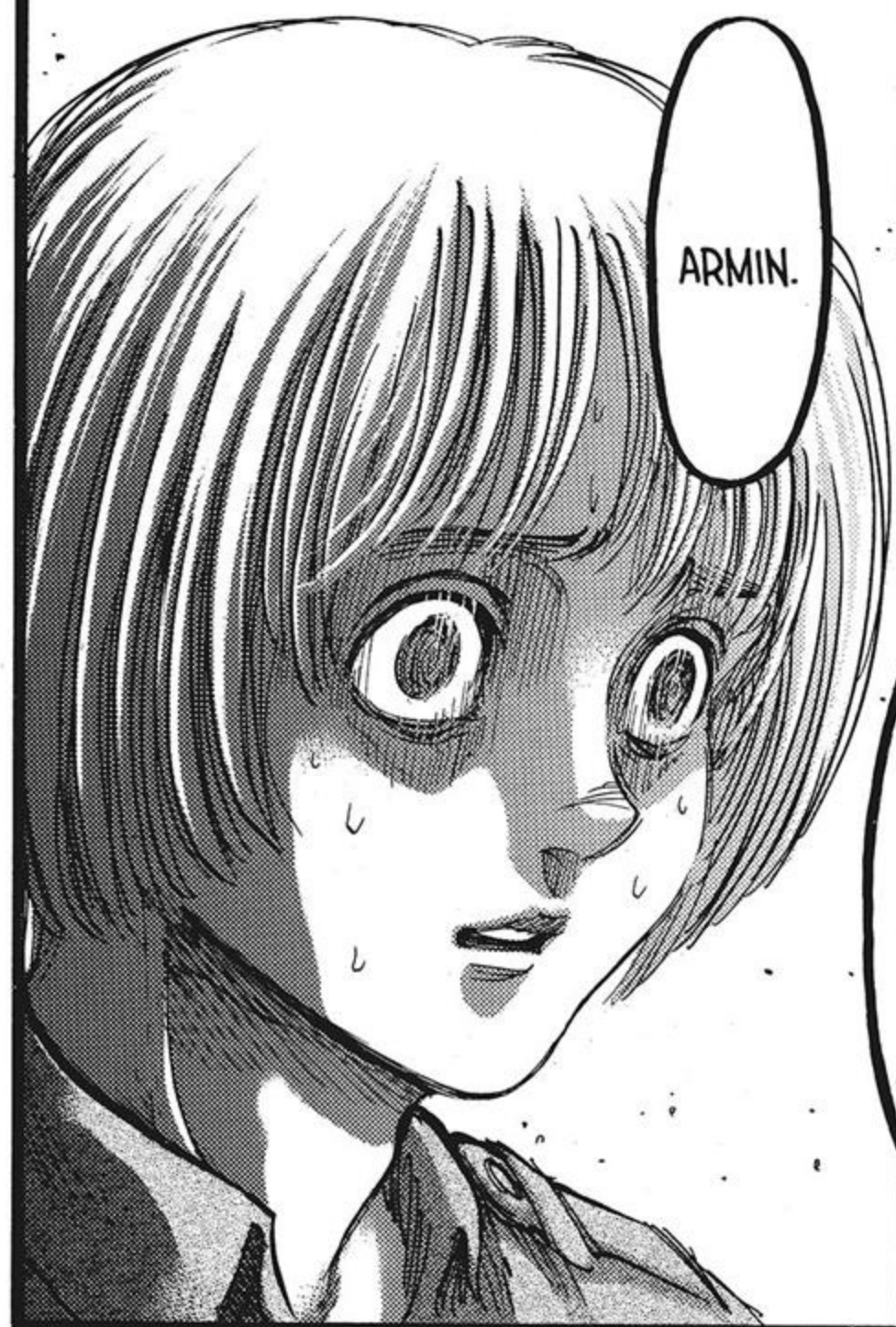
AND
LEVI
CHOSE
YOU.

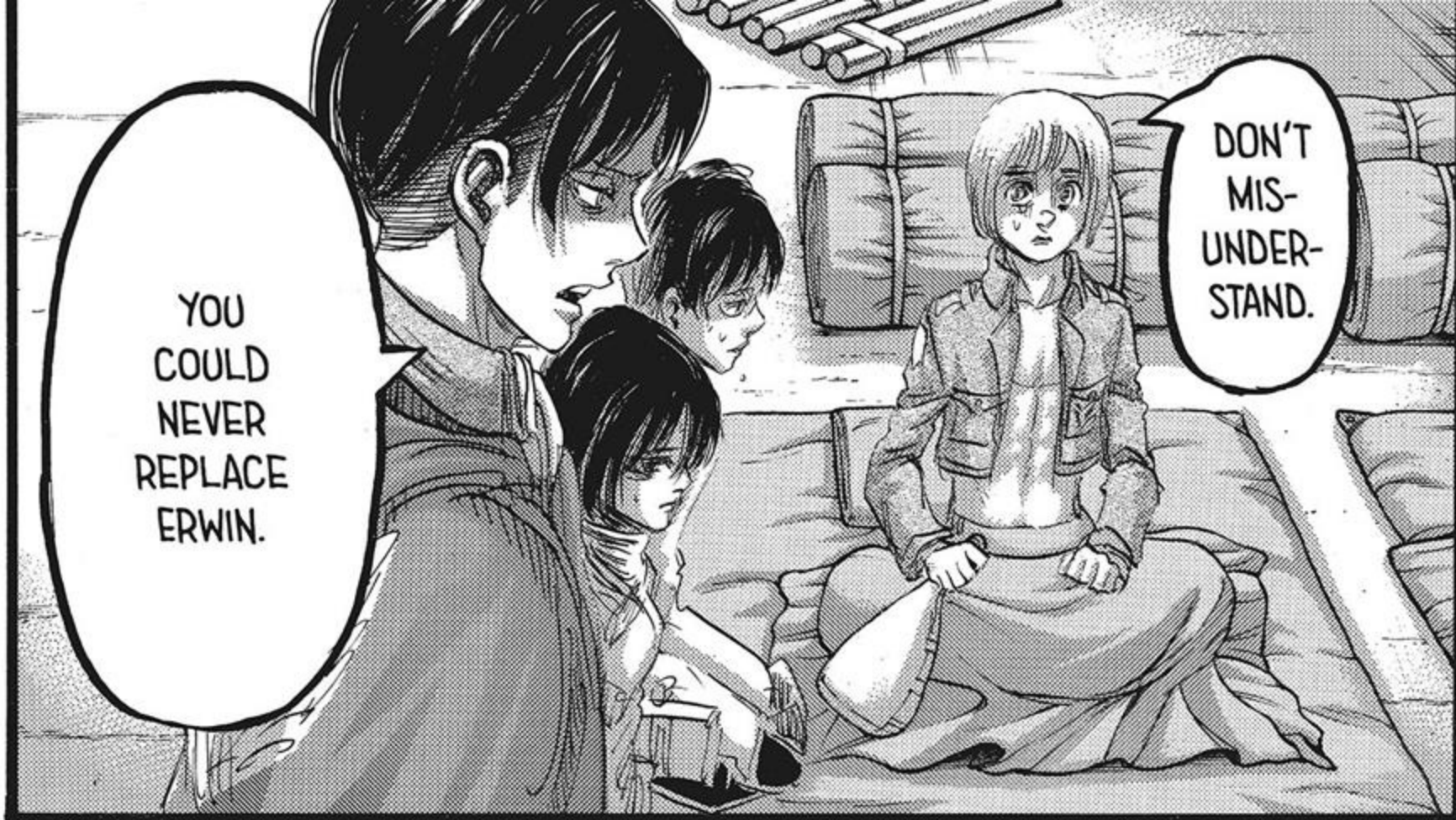
BUT
ERWIN HIMSELF
ENTRUSTED THAT
DECISION TO
LEVI.

...AND
THE
POWER
OF THE
TITANS.

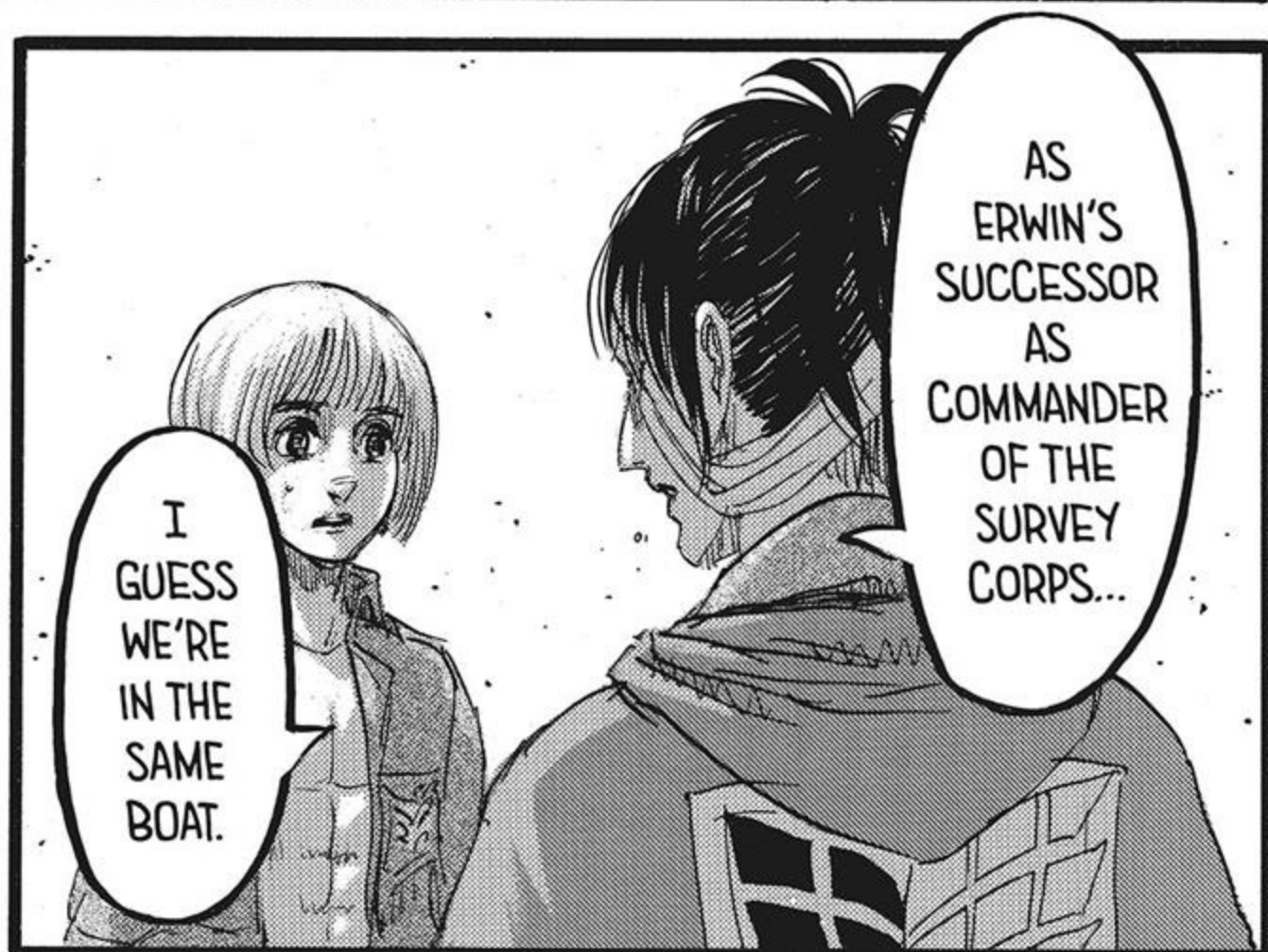
...THE
WEIGHT
OF ERWIN
SMITH'S
LIFE...

EXCEPT
THAT ON
YOUR
SHOULDERS
NOW
REST...





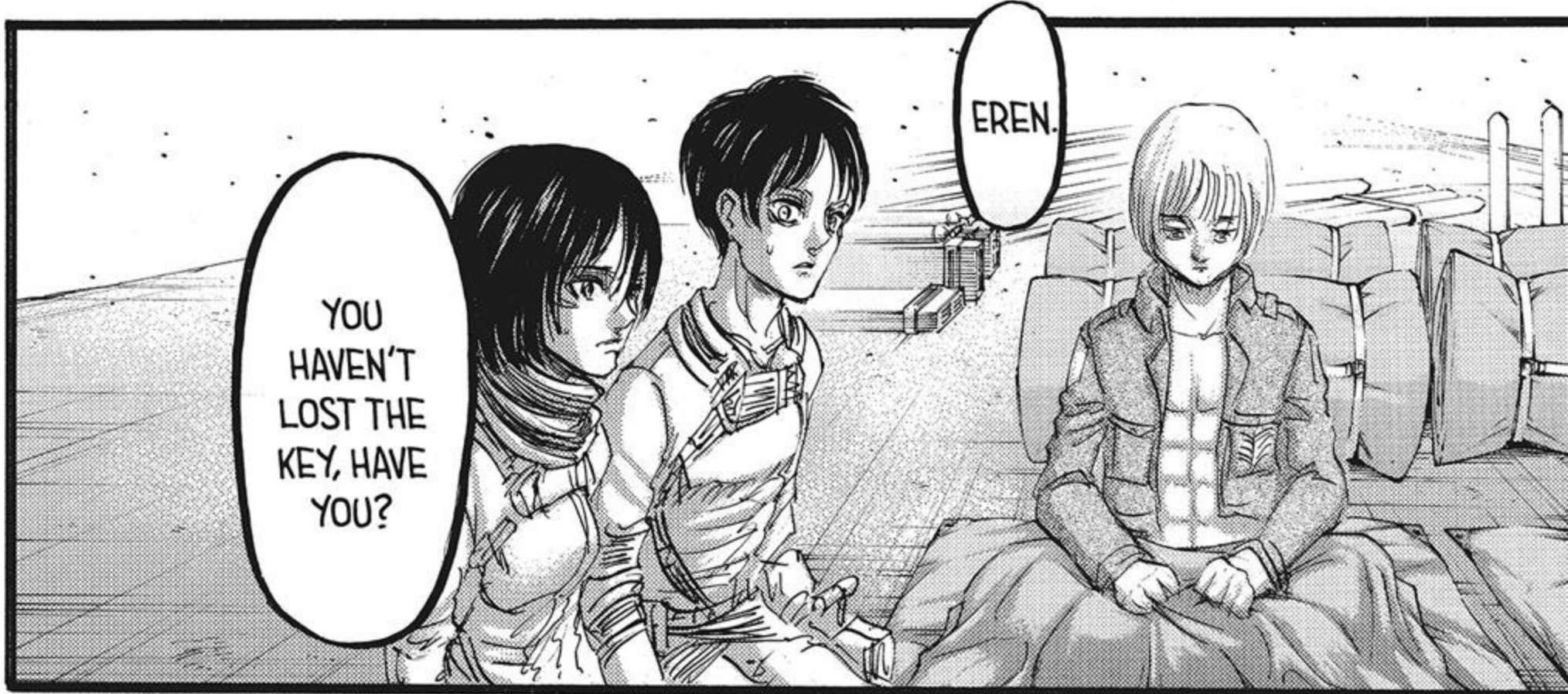






THE OTHER
FOUR OF YOU,
KEEP WATCH FROM
THE FOUR SIDES OF
THE SHIGANSHINA
DISTRICT
WALL.

EREN,
MIKASA, LEVI,
AND I WILL
COMPLETE THE
SURVEY.



YOU
HAVEN'T
LOST THE
KEY, HAVE
YOU?

EREN.



SQUEEZE



IT'S
RIGHT
HERE.

NO.



SO
THE FIRE
DIDN'T
SPREAD
THIS FAR,
FORTU-
NATELY.

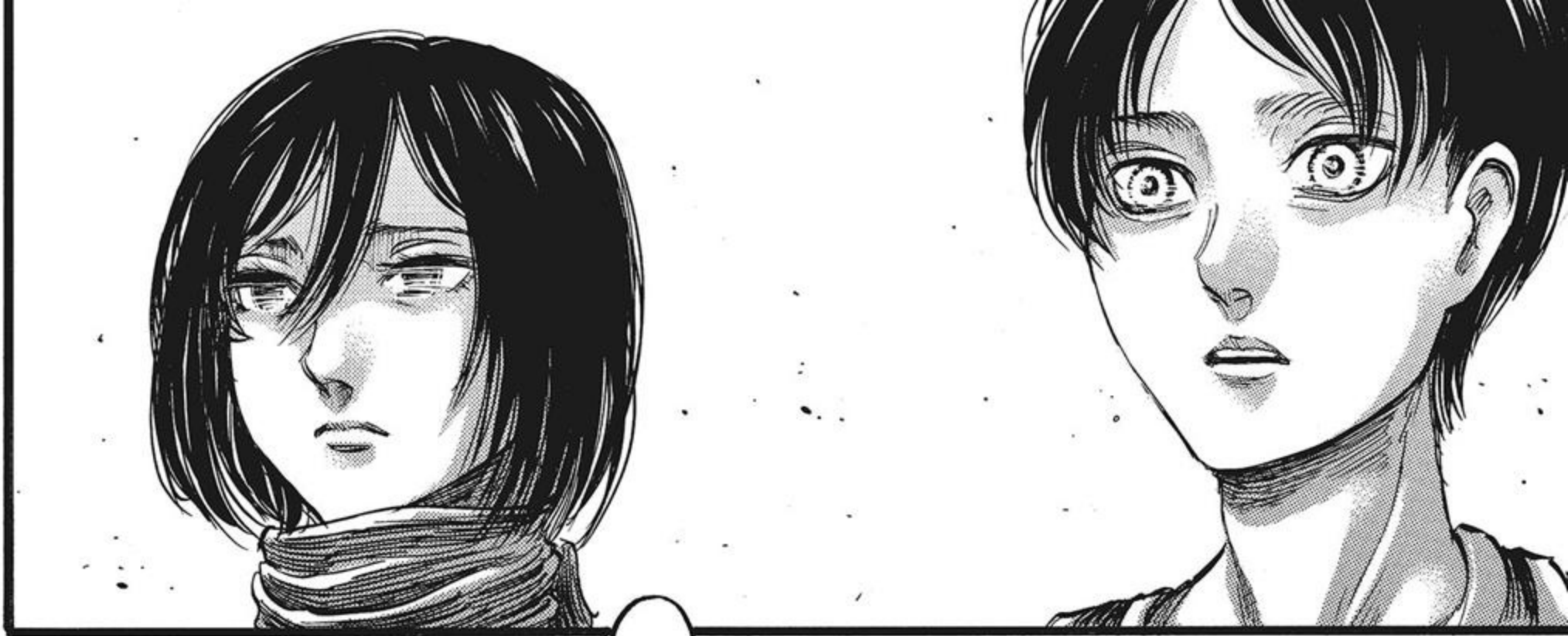


...IS
IT
THIS
ONE?

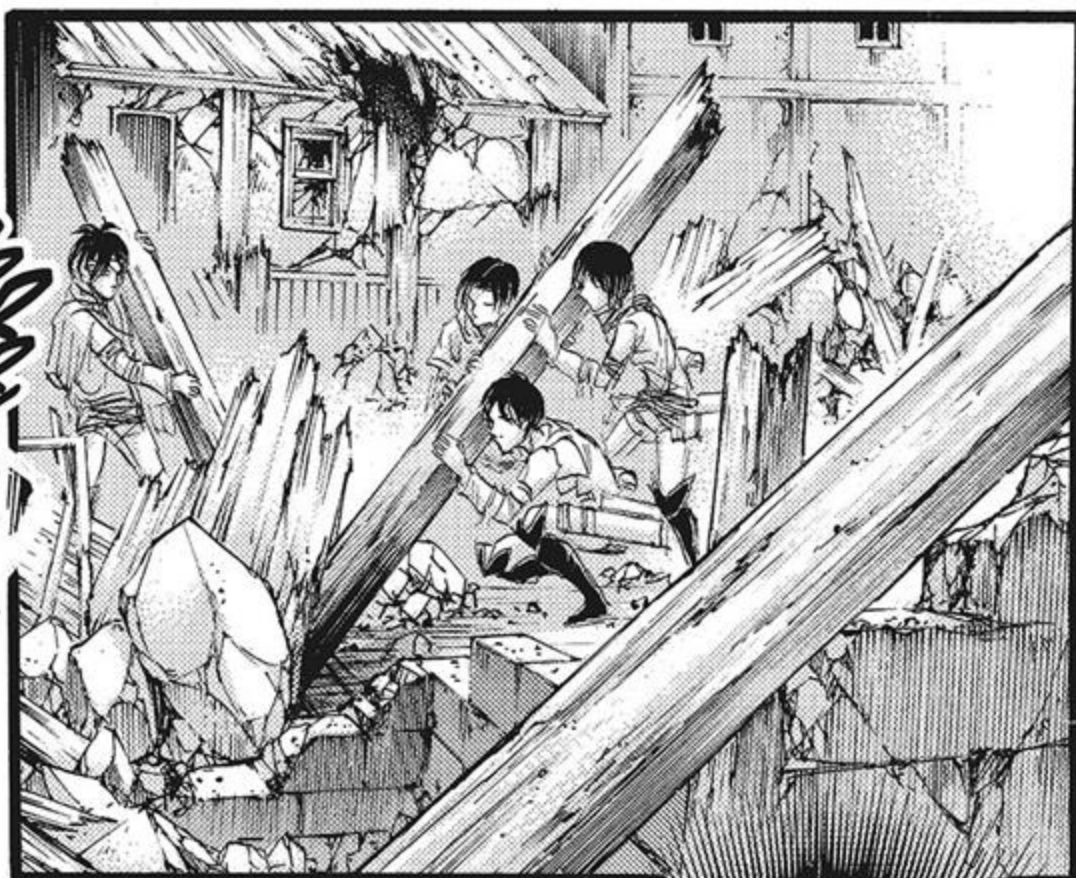








YES.



BECAUSE
YOUR FATHER'S
VERY IMPORTANT
WORK TOOLS
ARE DOWN
THERE.

WHY
CAN'T I
GO DOWN
INTO THE
BASE-
MENT?!



HEY,
DAD?



I
DON'T
KNOW...

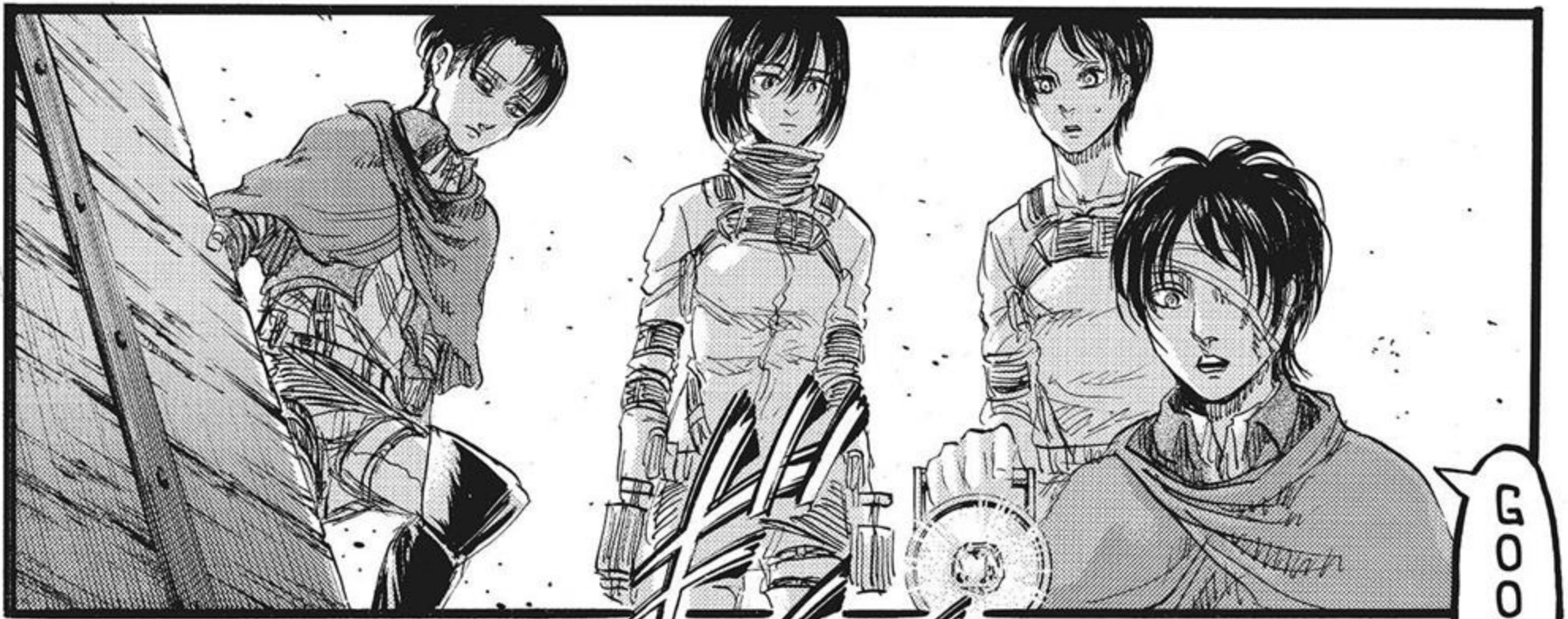


WHEN ARE
YOU GOING
TO SHOW ME
THE BASE-
MENT?



MAYBE
WHEN YOU
REALIZE
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
THING OF
ALL.

...WHAT'S
THAT
MEAN?





LET'S
GO.



EREN.

WHY DO
YOU WANT
TO GO
OUTSIDE?

...INSIDE
THE WALL,
IGNORANT
OF WHAT'S
GOING ON
OUTSIDE!!



I
HATE THE
IDEA OF
SPENDING
MY WHOLE
LIFE...



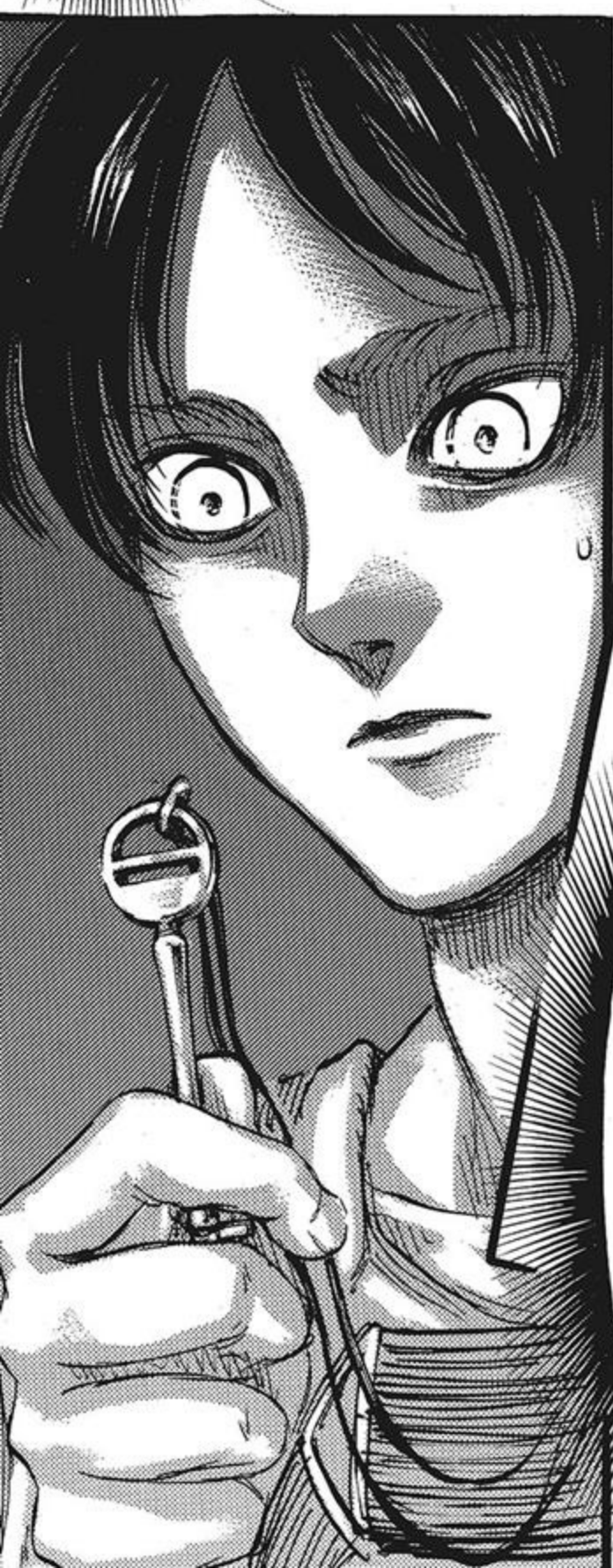
TALK
SOME
SENSE
INTO
YOUR
SON!!

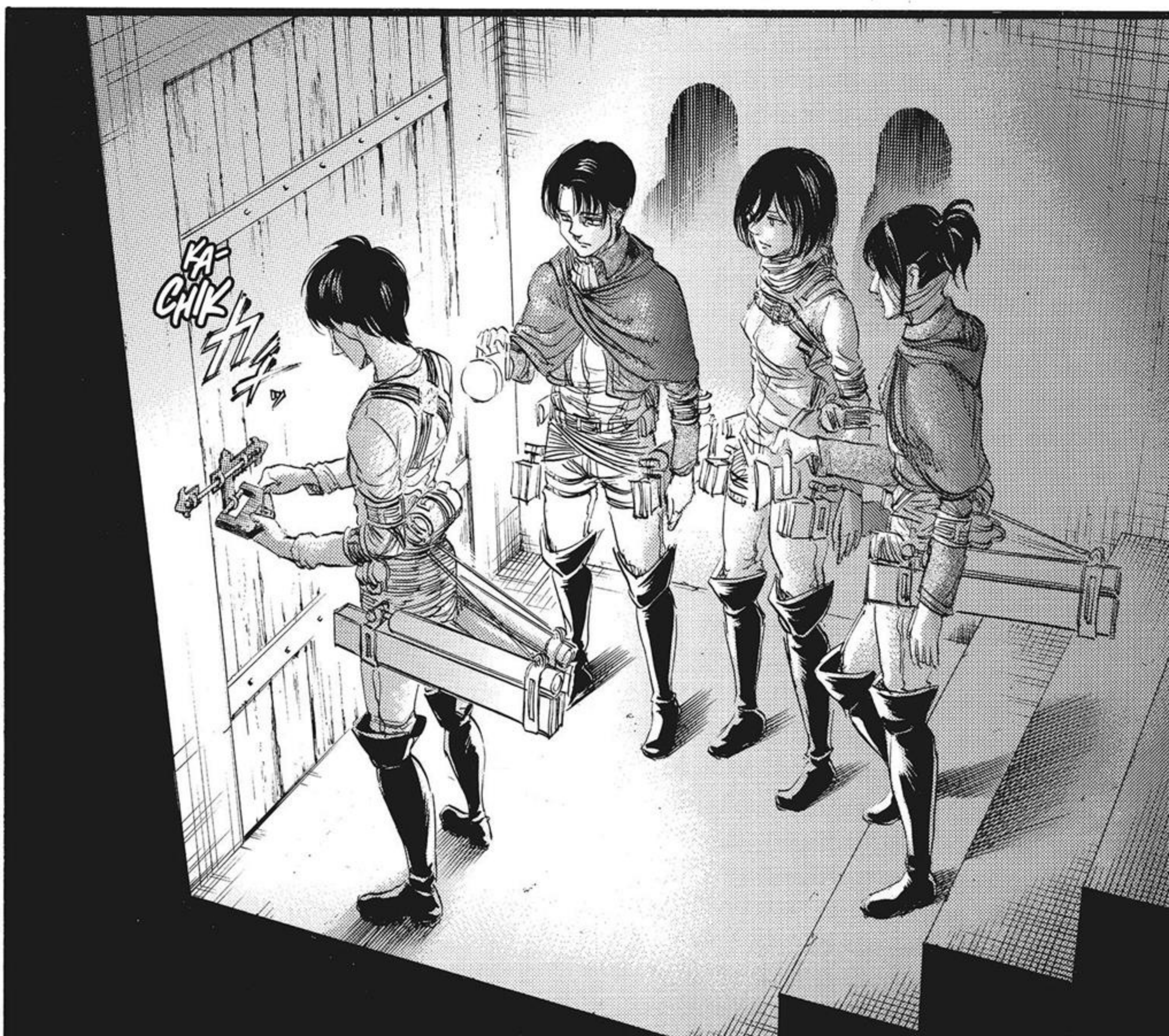
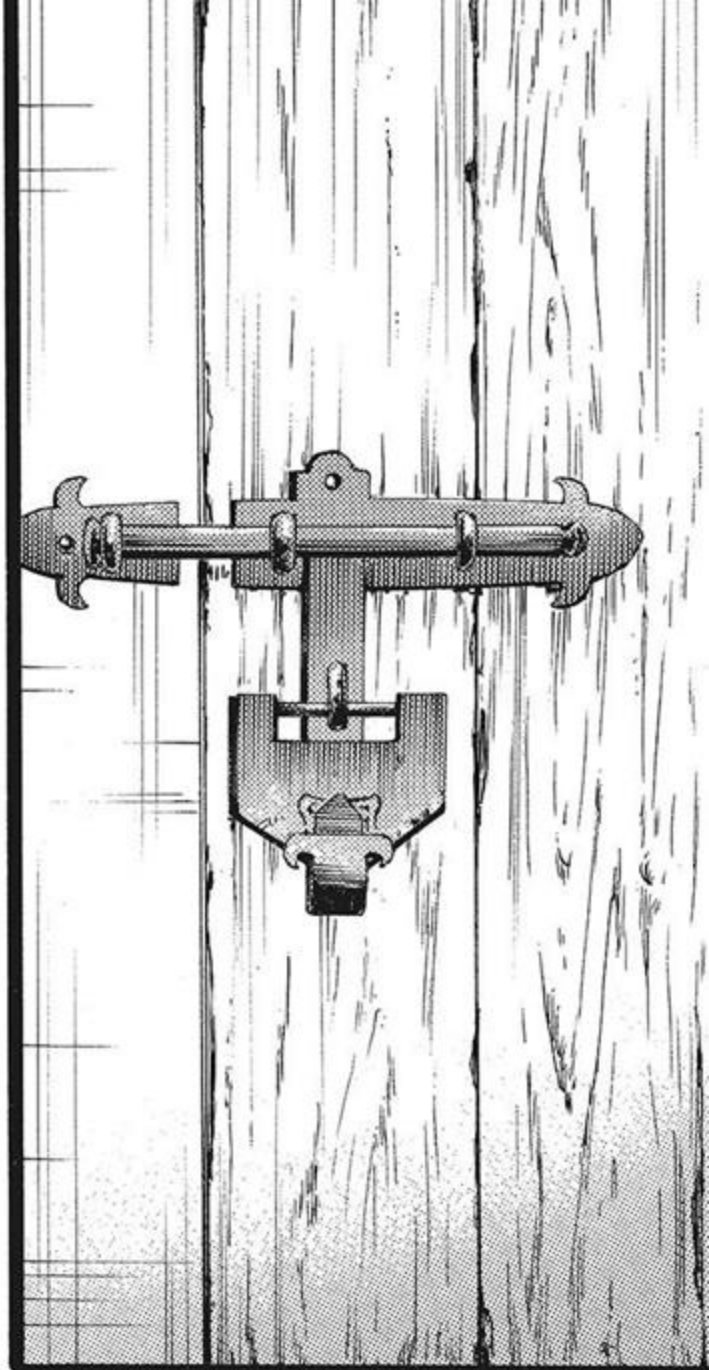
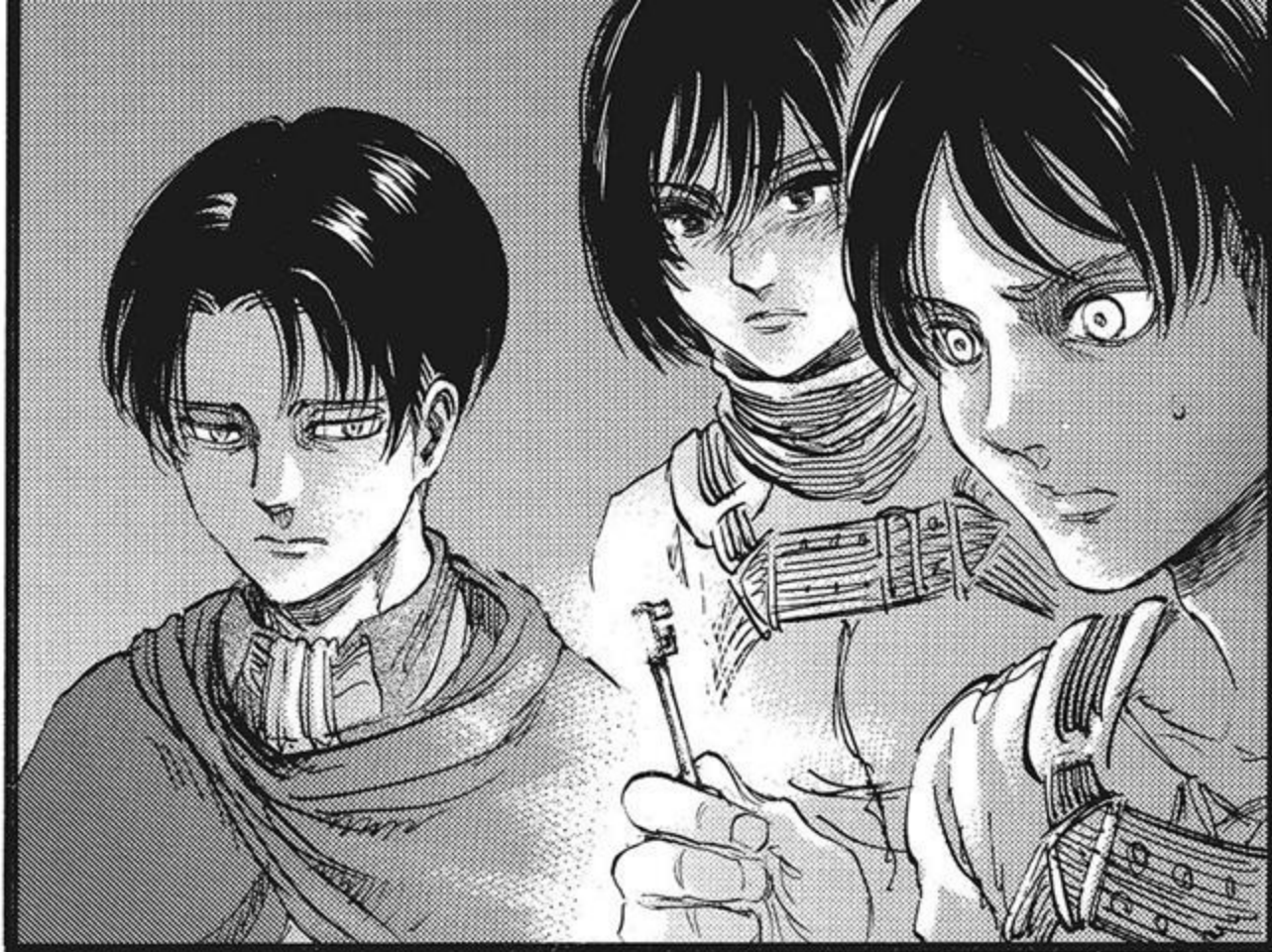
WAIT...
HONEY!

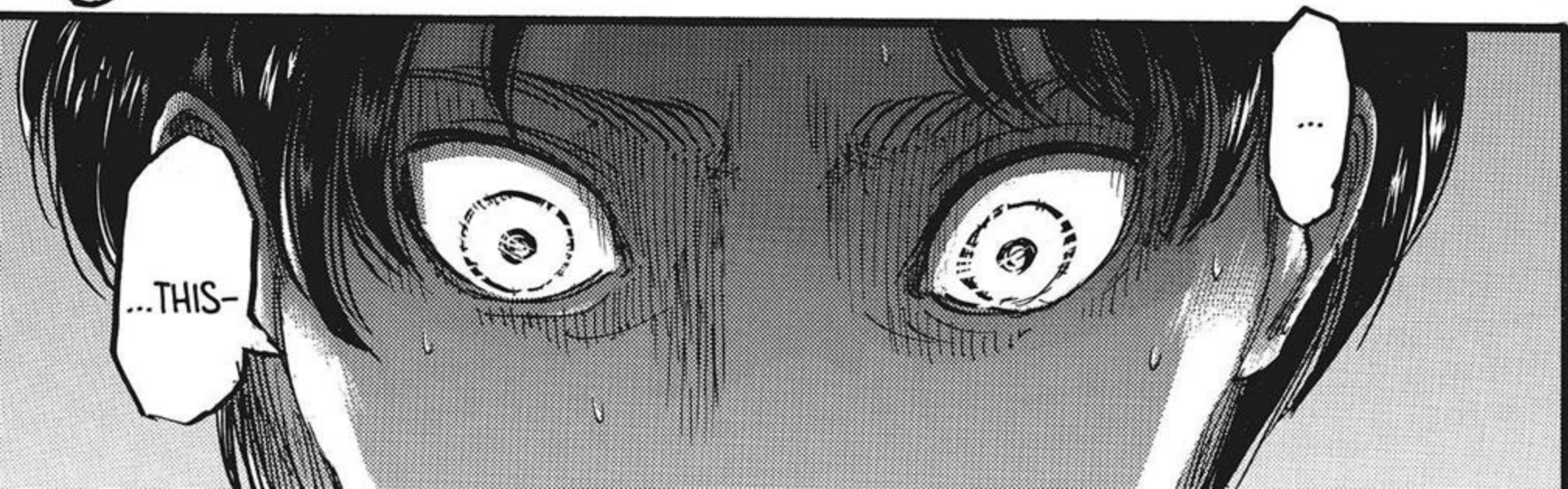
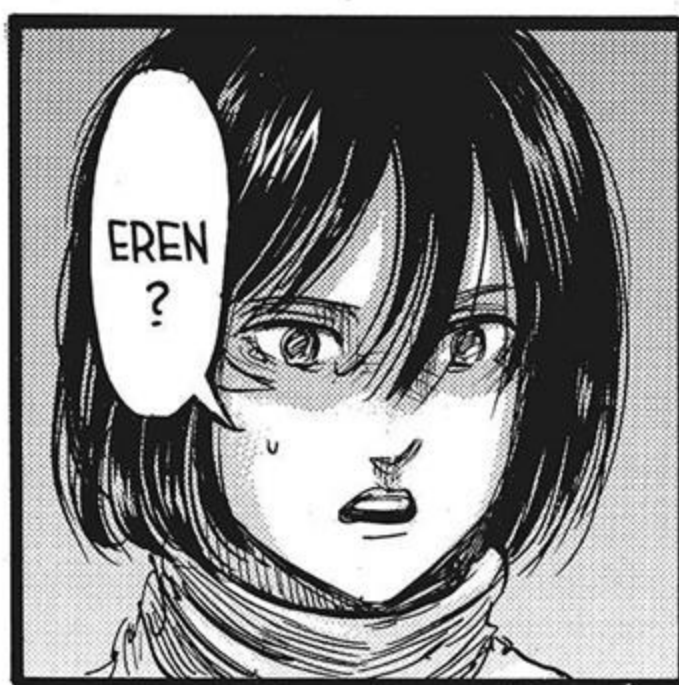
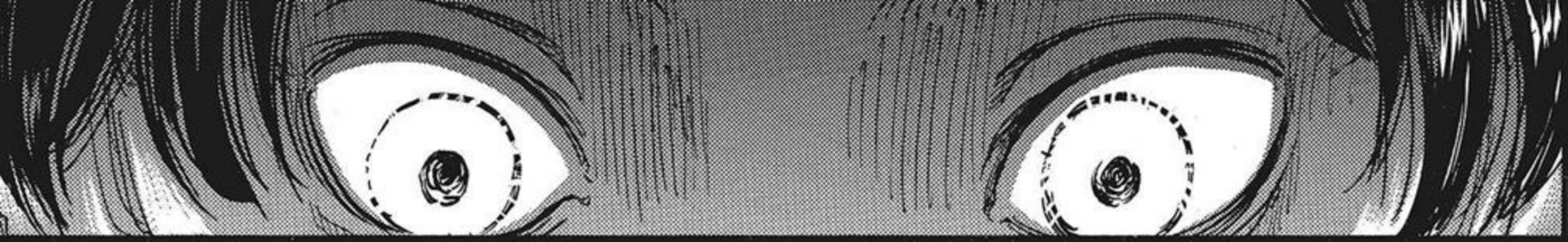
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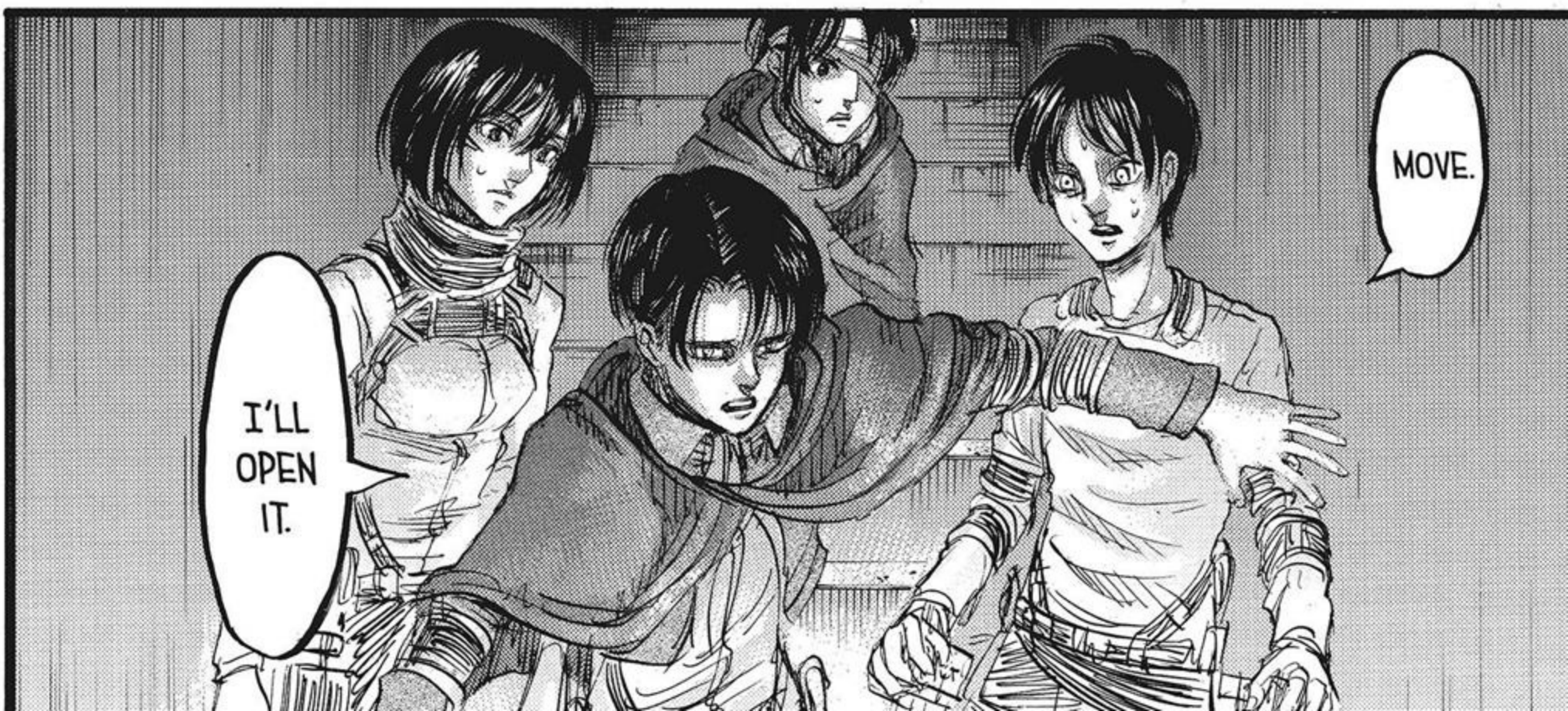
THERE'S
NO HOLDING
BACK AN
INQUISITIVE
MIND.

IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
WHAT
ANYONE
SAYS.









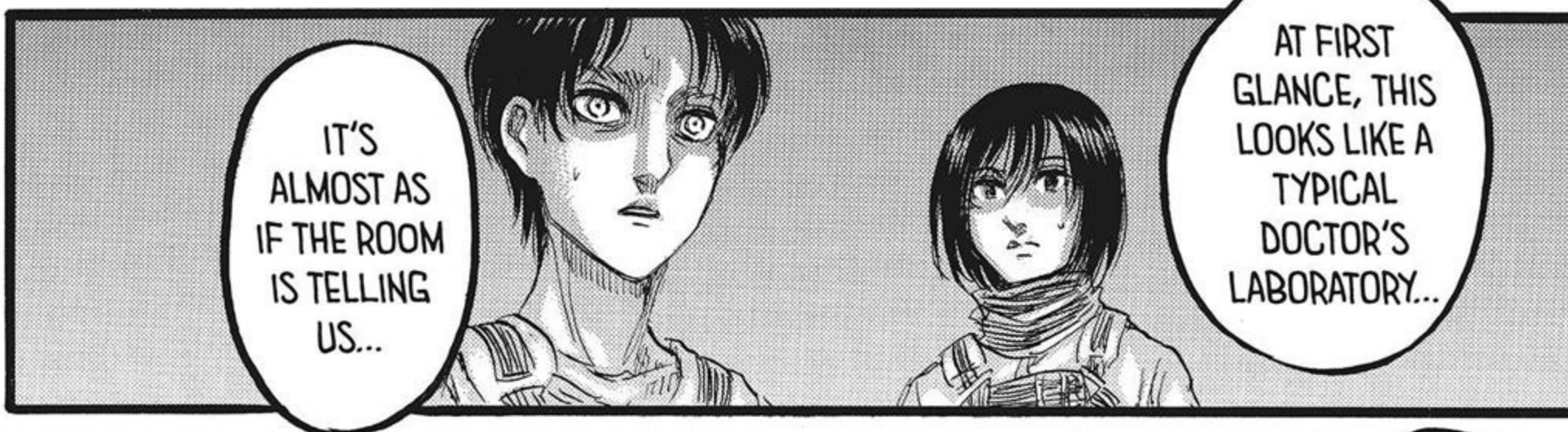






AND
THESE
ARE JUST
MEDICAL
BOOKS.

HMM...IF
THESE LABELS
ARE ACCURATE,
THESE ARE
JUST WIDELY-
AVAILABLE
MEDICATIONS.



IT'S
ALMOST AS
IF THE ROOM
IS TELLING
US...

AT FIRST
GLANCE, THIS
LOOKS LIKE A
TYPICAL
DOCTOR'S
LABORATORY...



WELL, I DOUBT
HE WOULD'VE
LEFT ANYTH'NG
FORBIDDEN JUST
LAYING AROUND
FOR THE
INTERIOR MPS
TO FIND.

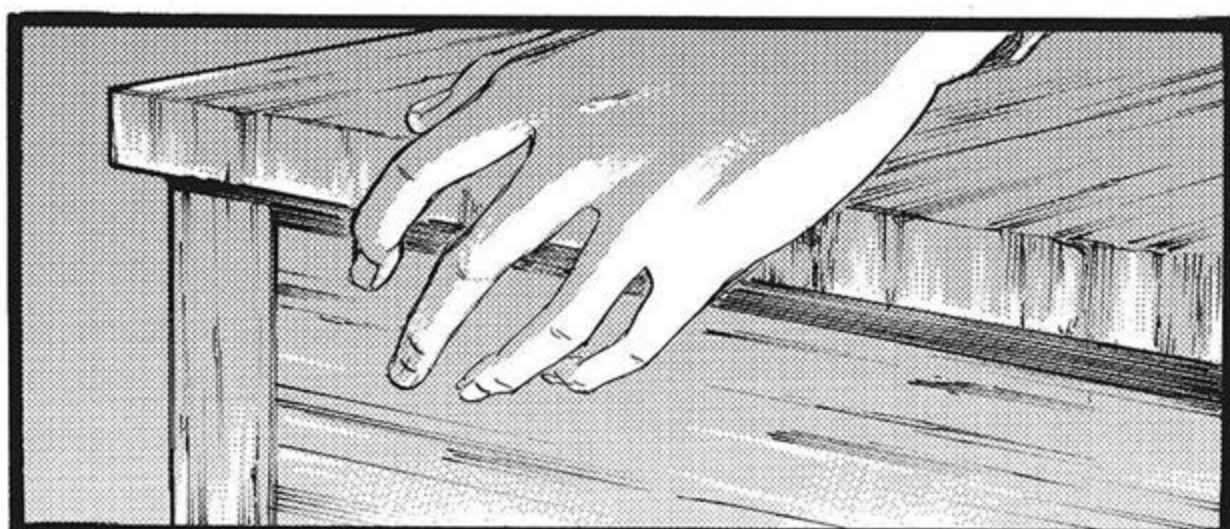
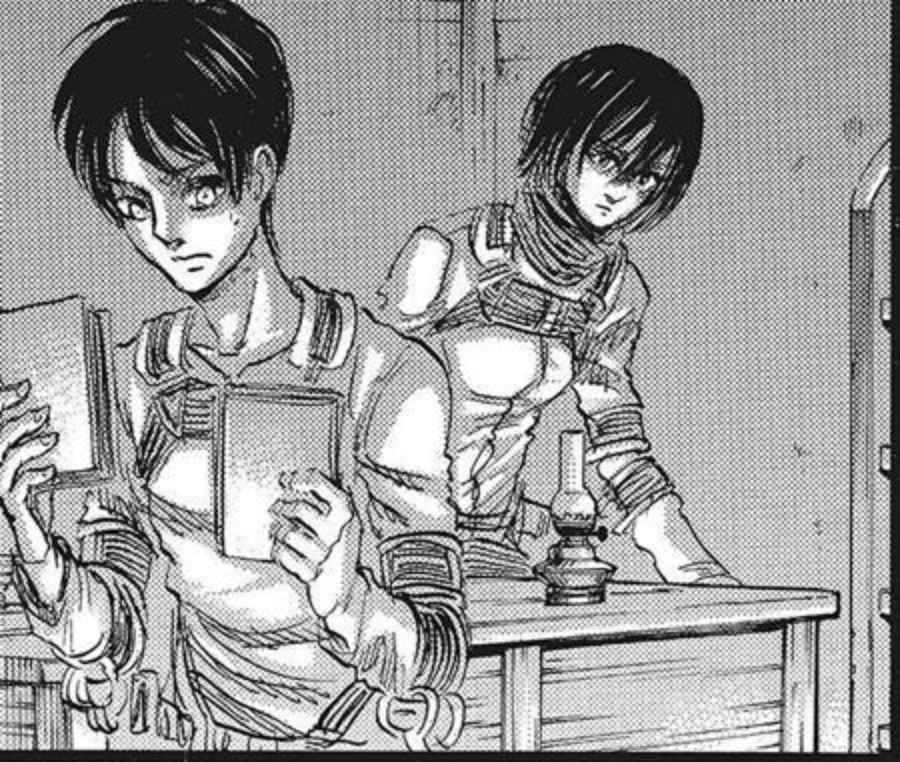
"THERE'S
NOTHING
SUSPICIOUS
HERE."

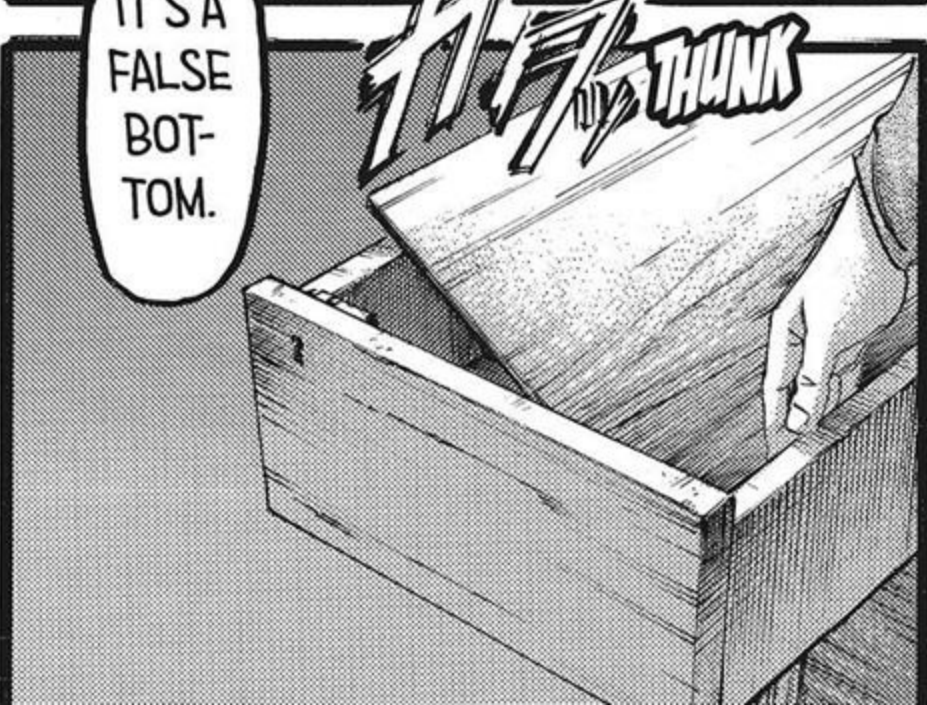
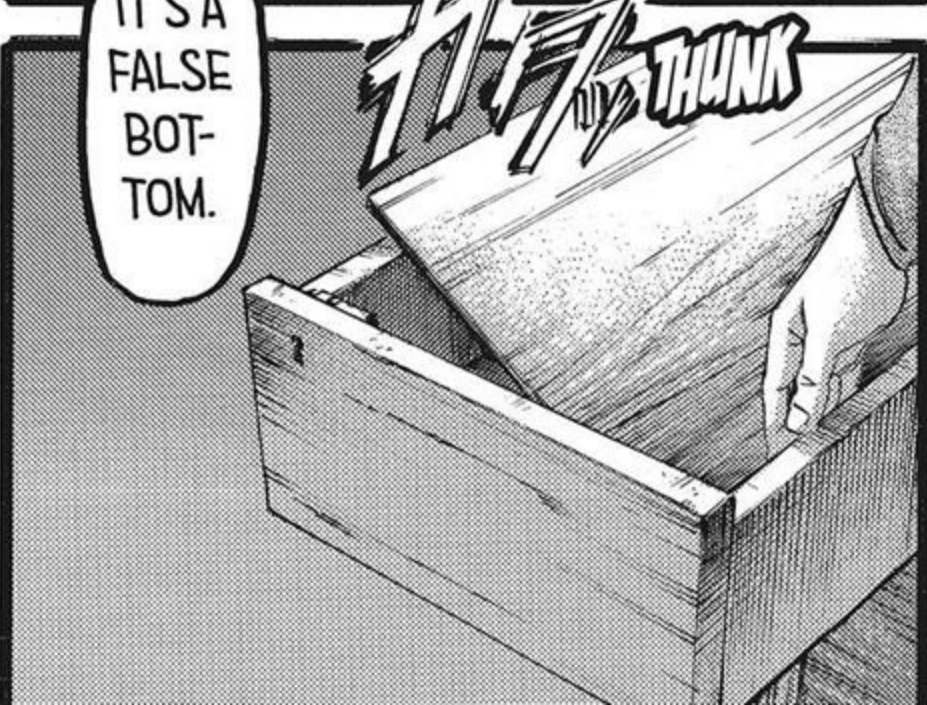
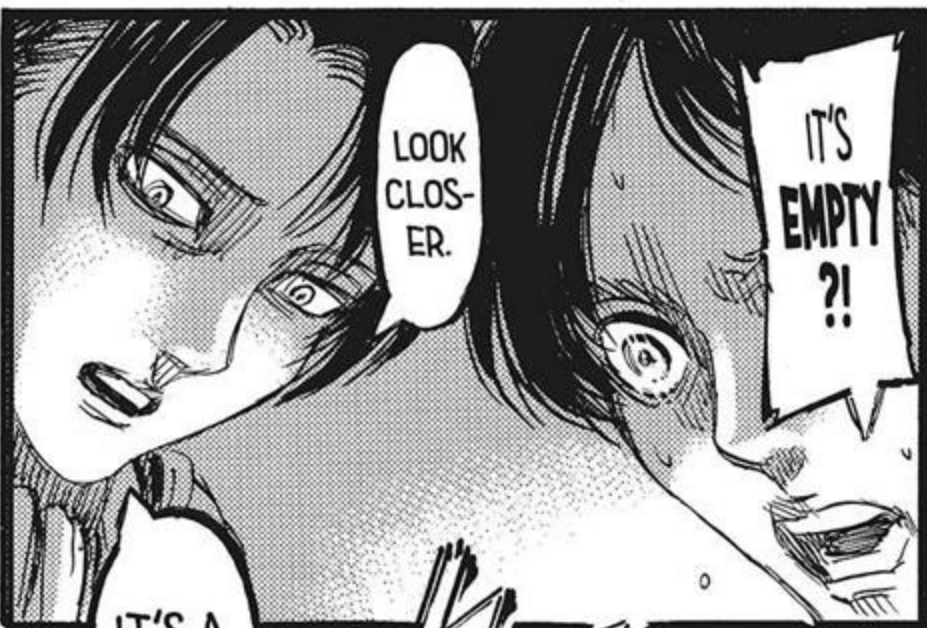


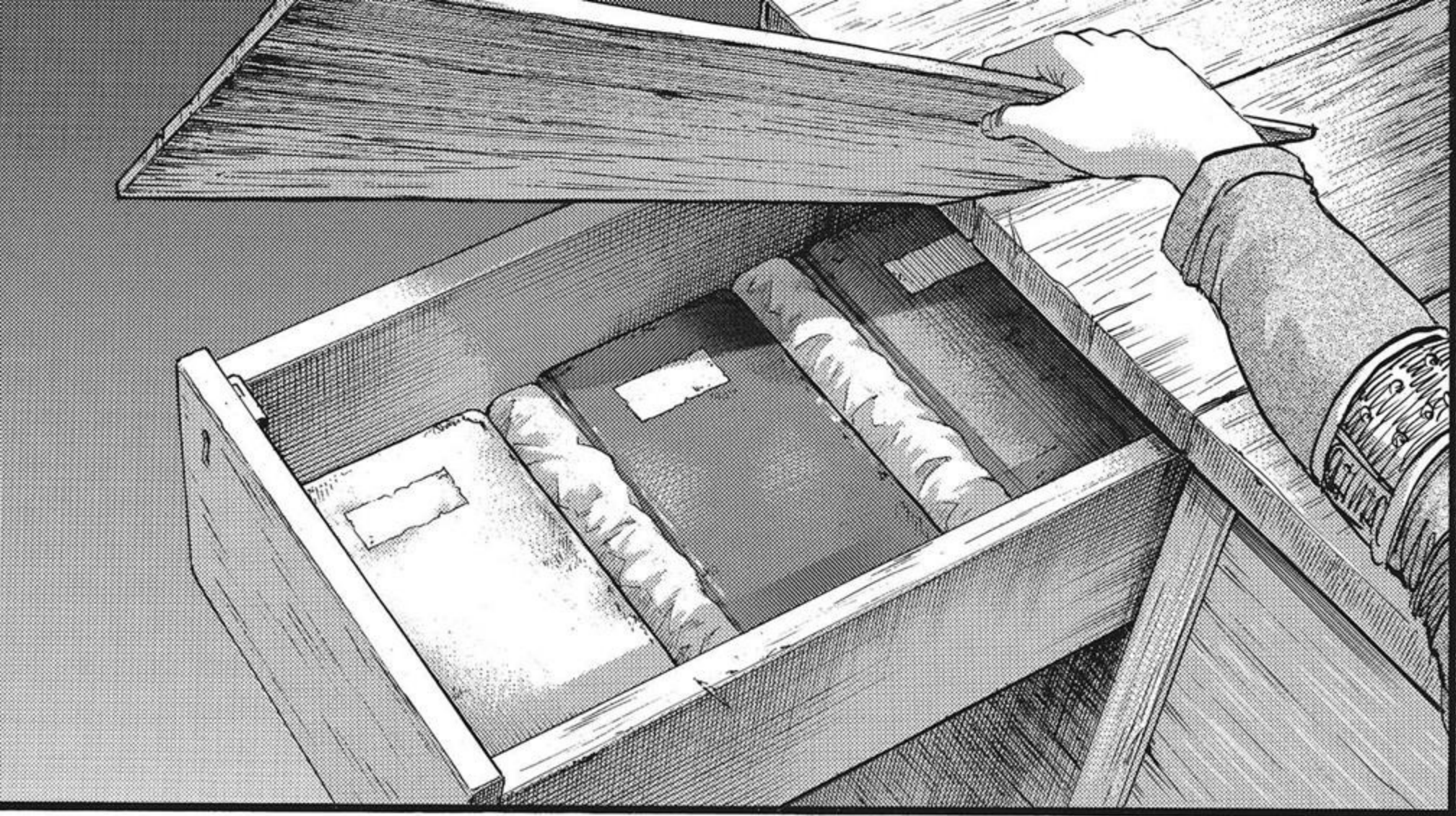
ERWIN'S
INSTINCTS
WOULD
NEVER BE
THAT OFF
THE
MARK.

...HEY.
DON'T
JUST
STAND
THERE,
YOU
BRATS.









THESE
MUST BE
WHAT WE
WERE
LOOKING
FOR.

THREE
BOOKS...



THEY'VE
BEEN
TREATED
TO KEEP
MOIS-
TURE
AND
BUGS
AWAY.

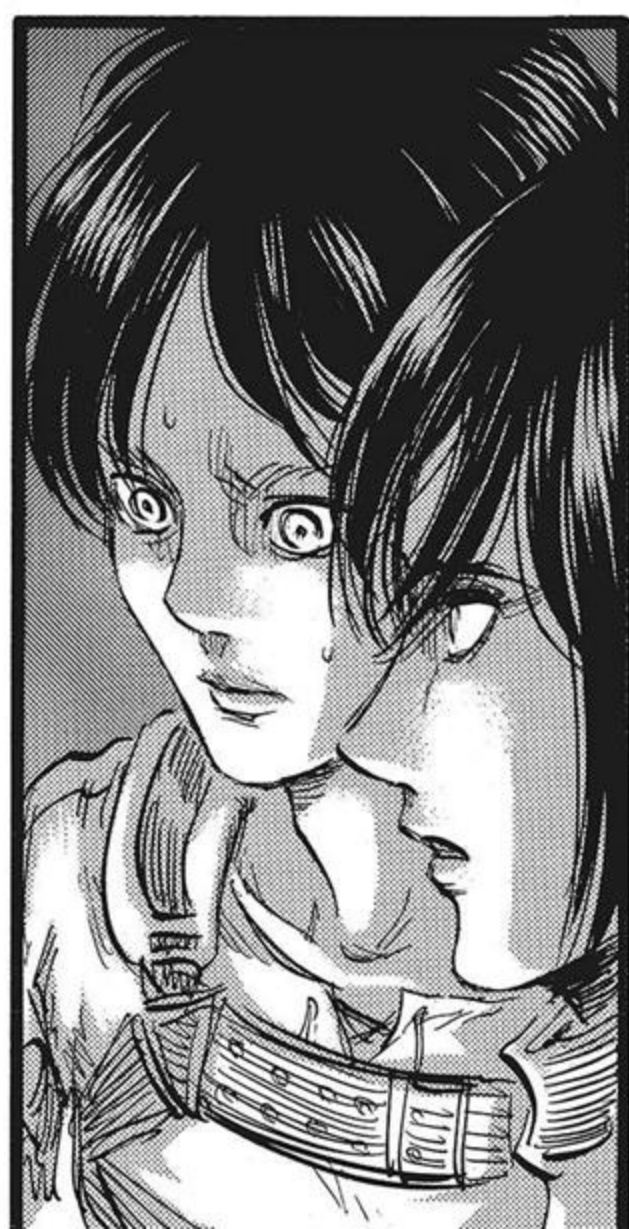
THIS
SMELLS
LIKE
PEPPER-
MINT
OIL
AND CHAR-
COAL.

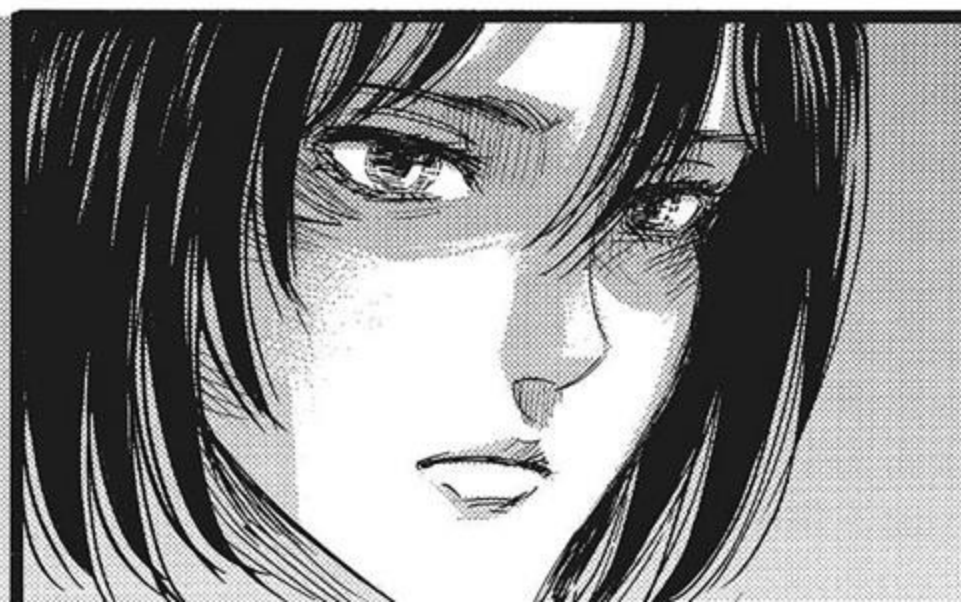
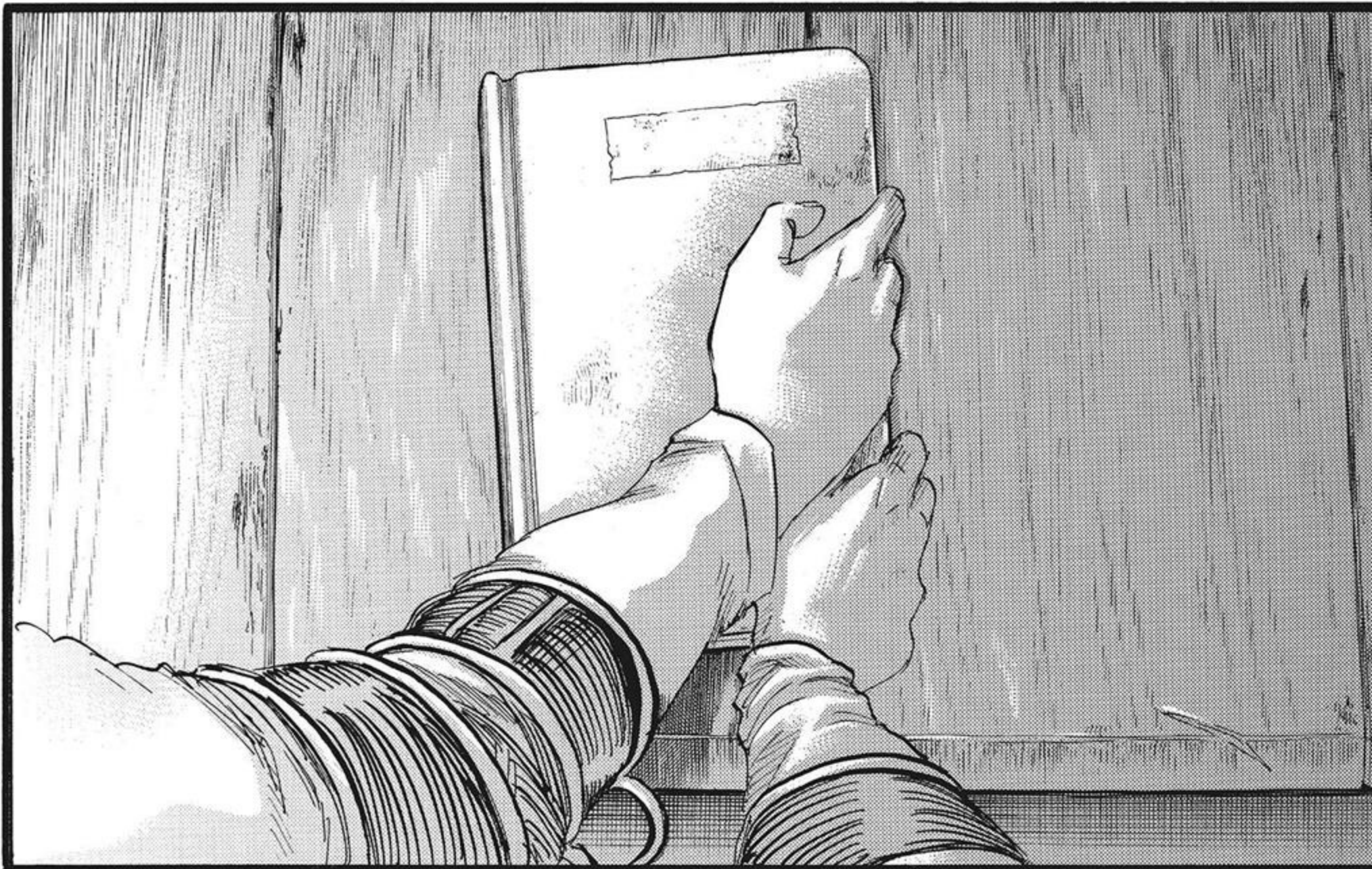


...FATHER...

WHAT
COULD
MY...

...HAVE
WANTED
TO SHOW
ME?









AND THAT'S
WHEN ERWIN
ASKED THE
QUESTION.

"HOW DO
WE
KNOW..."

"...THAT
THERE AREN'T
ANY HUMANS
OUTSIDE THE
WALLS?"

...HE
SAID.

...WE
COULDN'T BE
SURE THAT TITANS
HAD REALLY WIPED
OUT THE REST OF
HUMANITY.

HE
MEANT THAT,
SO LONG AS WE
COULDN'T TRAVEL
FREELY OUTSIDE
THE WALLS...





IF THE TEXTBOOK WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OBJECTIVE, THEN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN CORRECT TO SAY THAT "THE REST OF HUMANITY **IS THOUGHT** TO HAVE BEEN EATEN."

YET THE HISTORY TEXTBOOK SAID THAT THEY HAD, LIKE IT WAS A FACT.



...AN INTENT TO MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THERE WERE NO HUMANS OUTSIDE THE WALLS.

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU COULD READ A SUBJECTIVE INTENT FROM THAT STATEMENT.

...AND THE LIKELIEST CULPRIT WAS THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH PUBLISHED THE BOOK.



LOOK AT US NOW.

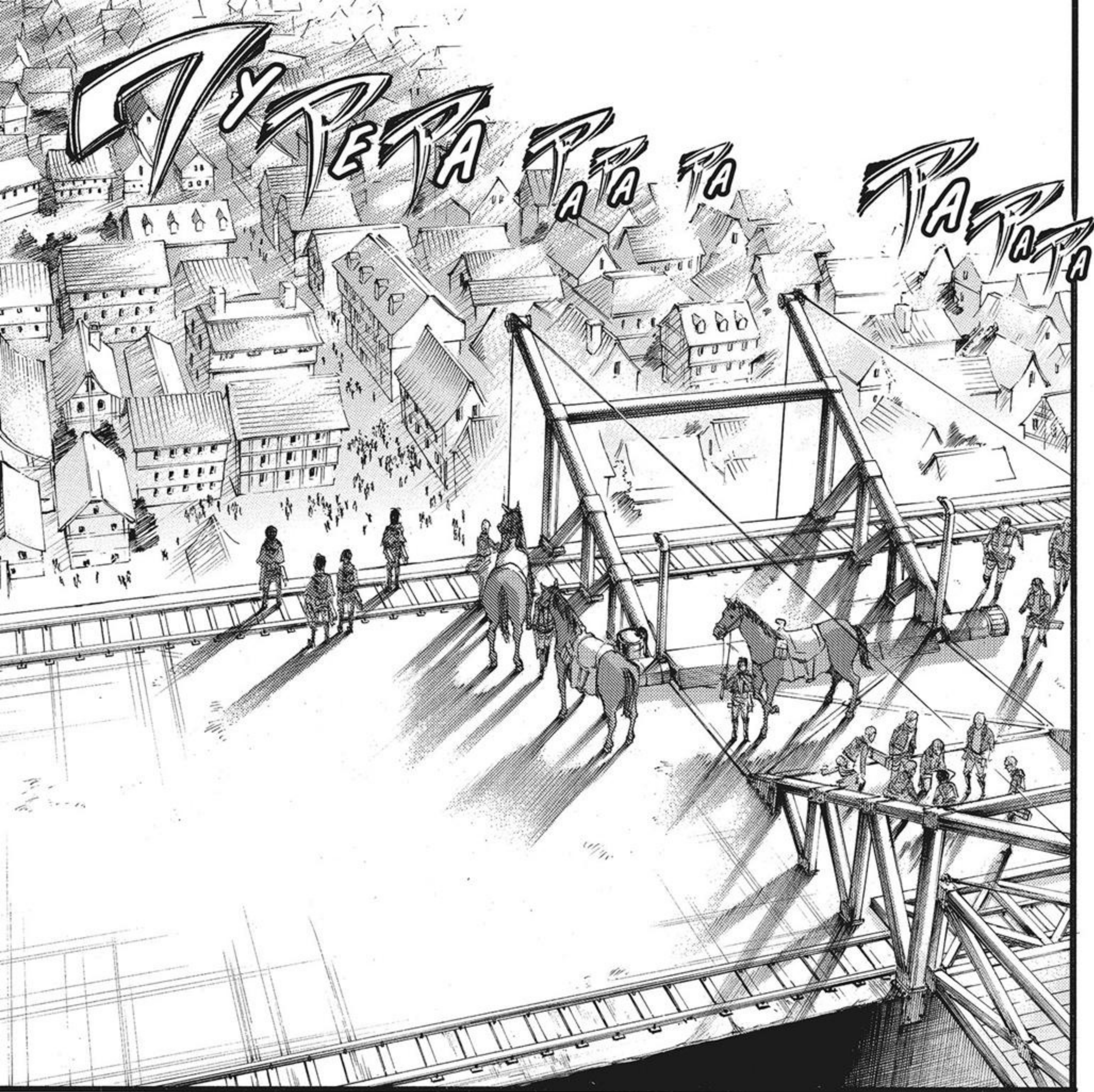
BUT:

"YOU'RE OVERTHINKING THINGS."
"YOU'RE JUST BEING STUBBORN."

I MADE FUN OF HIM.

WHEN I HEARD HIM SAY ALL THAT...







IT'S FAR
TOO PERFECT
FOR ANY
HUMAN TO
HAVE
DRAWN IT...

NO
...

A POR-
TRAIT ?

IS
THIS
...

ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THE
IMAGE WAS A
MESSAGE
WRITTEN IN MY
FATHER'S
HANDWRITING.

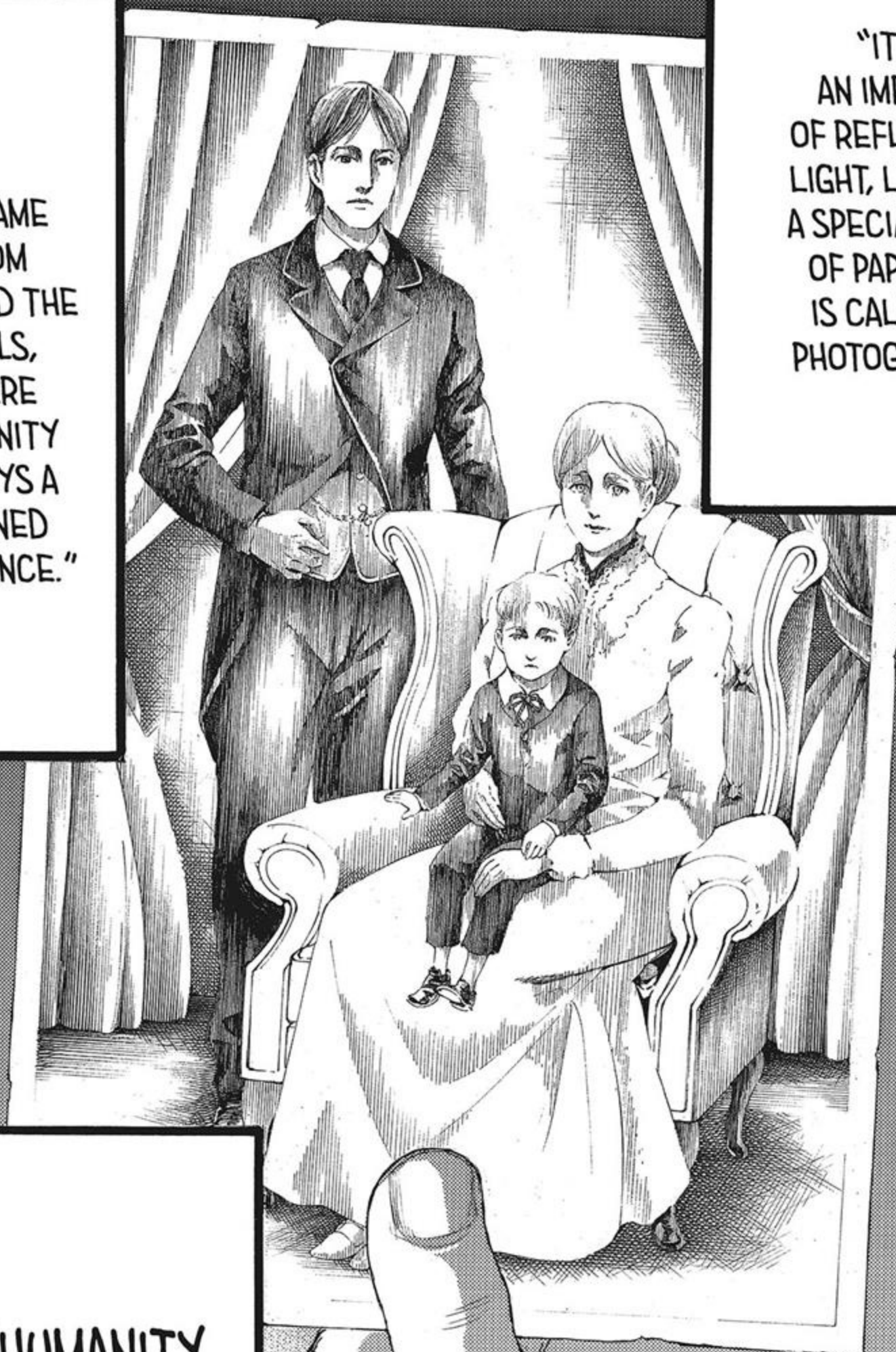


"THIS IS
NOT AN
ILLUS-
TRA-
TION."

"I CAME
FROM
BEYOND THE
WALLS,
WHERE
HUMANITY
ENJOYS A
REFINED
EXISTENCE."

"IT IS
AN IMPRINT
OF REFLECTED
LIGHT, LEFT ON
A SPECIAL KIND
OF PAPER. IT
IS CALLED A
PHOTOGRAPH."

"HUMANITY
**HAS
NOT
PERISHED.**"



ATTACK on TITAN